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Elected officials limited to 10-year terms

Soviet party backs Gorbachev reforms

MOSCOW, July 2, (Agencies): The Communist Party, falling in line behind Mikhail Gorbachev, has decreed sweeping reforms to give the country a stronger legislature and President and limit elected party officials to 10 years in office.

Gorbachev said plans for a new legislature would be approved before the end of the year and a new legislature should be seated in 1989 following multi-candidate elections.

He also proposed that a president with real powers as head of state be installed to run the legislature. Presumably the role would be assumed initially by the head of the Communist Party—Gorbachev himself.

Communist Party central committee secretary Alexander Lukyanov told a late-night news conference that the gathering backed Gorbachev's proposals to limit elected party officials to a maximum of two five-year terms with no exceptions.

Future

The limits are not retroactive. But they will apply to current top-level officials, including Gorbachev and members of the ruling Politburo, if they stand for election in the future.

Lukyanov also said the new, stronger presidency backed by the party meeting gives the powers Gorbachev requested to settle matters of foreign policy and chair the defence council. The latter position traditionally is held by the party general secretary, the post now held by Gorbachev.

He said the first elections

Iraqi elections

BAGHDAD, (AP): Iraqis will go to the polls next month to elect their third National Assembly, the state-run radio reported.

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Pakistani women protest sharia

LAHORE, July 2, (AP): About 400 women opposed to plans to implement Islamic law demonstrated today in the Punjab capital of Lahore.

This is the second demonstration in as many weeks against the June 15 introduction of Islamic or sharia law. Witnesses said many of the women were waving the tri-colour flag of Pakistan's leading opposition party, the Pakistani People's Party.

Demands

In the southern port city of Karachi, Pakistan's political opposition parties plotted election strategy today in anticipation of an election call by President Zia-ul-Haq. General Zia, who is also Army Chief of Staff, dissolved Parliament May 29 and fired the country's civilian government.

The independent An Nahar newspaper put the casualty toll at 64 wounded, 20 of them in the Bekaa.

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Former KAC official jailed in US for theft

WASHINGTON, July 2, (KUNA): A former Washington sales manager of Kuwait Airways, convicted of stealing \$2.5 million from the airline, has been sentenced to six months in prison.

US district judge George Revercomb, who presided over the eight-day trial of Robert Mario Sensi, handed down the sentence yesterday after noting his unfitness that the airline had not "made available" several potentially important witnesses to testify.

Charged

Sensi, 37, was convicted March 21 on six counts of mail fraud, four counts of first-degree theft and 11 counts of interstate transportation of stolen securities. The jury acquitted him on five counts of interstate transportation of stolen securities.

Sensi acknowledged that he had committed the acts with which he was charged in the 26-count indictment.

WEATHER

TEMPERATURE will be around normal with light to moderate easterly wind.
State of sea: slight
High water: 5.00 am, 1.00 pm
Low water: 11.00 am, 9.00 pm
Sunrise: 4:53 am
Sunset: 6:51 pm
Maximum temperature recorded: Kuwait: 44°C/111°F
Ahmadi: 41°C/106°F
Falaka: 37°C/99°F
Minimum temperature recorded: Kuwait: 26°C/79°F
Ahmadi: 30°C/86°F
Falaka: 31°C/88°F
Maximum temperature expected: Kuwait: 45°C/113°F
Ahmadi: 42°C/107°F
Falaka: 38°C/100°F
Minimum temperature expected: Kuwait: 33 percent
Ahmadi: 42 percent
Falaka: 58 percent
Maximum humidity expected: Kuwait: 32 percent
Ahmadi: 40 percent
Falaka: 56 percent

He promised to hold elections within the framework of the constitution. However, there is now some controversy whether the constitution demands an election within 90 days of dissolution, or whether it simply requires Zia to announce a date in that time frame.

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Menacing AIDS patient shot dead

CAIRO, July 2, (UPI): An AIDS patient was shot and killed by a police guard after he escaped from a hospital quarantine, slashed his wrist and threatened to spatter the guard with blood, news reports said today.

The reports, published by the newspapers Al Wafd and Al Gomhouria, said Fawzi Mahmoud, 33, escaped from the hospital yesterday by breaking his room window and climbing over the fence. But the police guard, Mahmoud Gamal, chased him in the streets of Nasr City, a suburb of eastern Cairo.

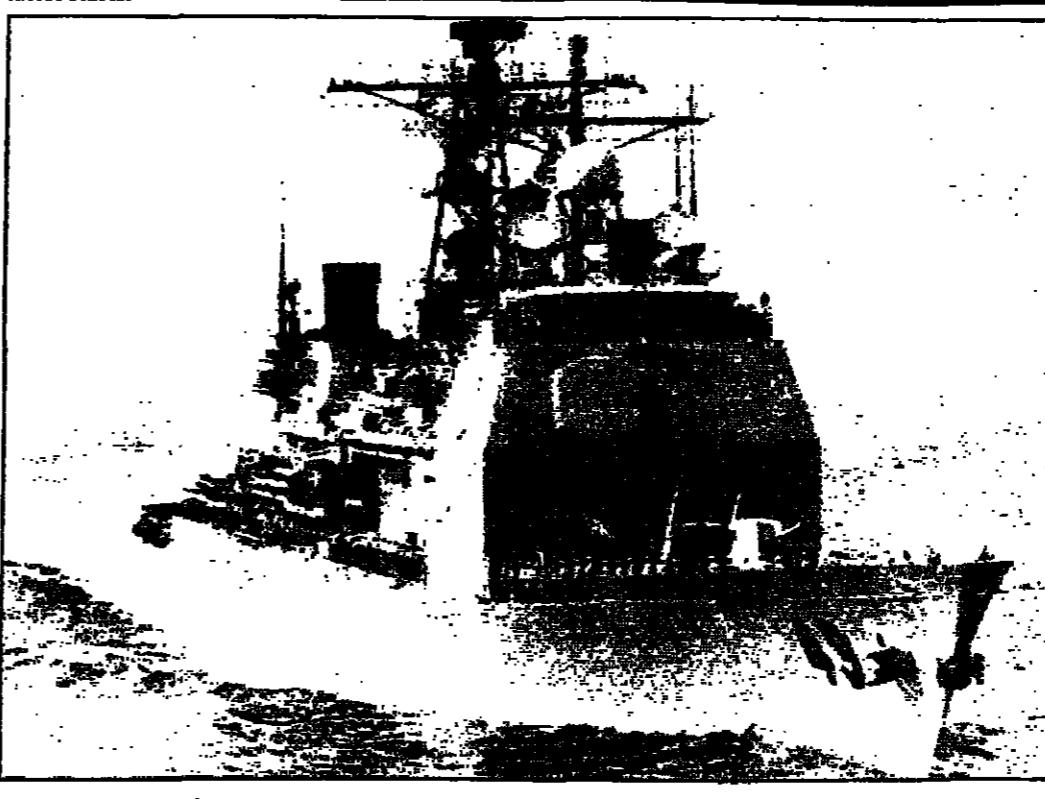
Mahmoud then slashed his wrist and threatened to spatter the guard with blood, unless he left him alone. The guard continued the chase and the patient dashed at him, presumably to carry out his threat.

The guard drew his pistol and shot him dead.

The reports said the patient had been a resident of Italy where he contracted the deadly disease.

Graf wins singles title

LONDON, July 2, (Reuters): World number one Steffi Graf of West Germany won the Wimbleton women's singles title when she beat eight times champion Martina Navratilova of the United States 5-7 6-2 6-1 in the final today. (See Page 16).



The US guided-missile destroyer Vincennes steams through the Strait of Hormuz. The US is stationing the warship at the strait to protect passing tankers from Iranian attacks. (Reuters photo)

No missile deal with China, says Syria

DAMASCUS, July 2, (AP): A Syrian military spokesman today denied reports that Damascus was planning to buy a new, shorter-range missile from China.

Press reports late last month quoted Israeli officials as saying that the government of President Hafez Al Assad was discussing with China the possibility of purchasing a missile still in the experimental stage.

"The real fact which is very well known to the Israelis is that there is no such deal between Syria and China, and there is no discussion about it," said the spokesman.

The military spokesman said Syria had the missiles it needs for its defence and accused Israel of spreading the reports as a ploy to get more American aid.

The missile, which press reports said may have been tested

for the first time in June, has an estimated range of about 600 kilometres (375 miles).

Israeli officials said it would be a serious threat to Israel and could be armed with chemical weapons, but said they did not expect an imminent sale.

The facility of providing visas at airports should also be extended to expatriates holding legal residence in other Gulf countries to allow them to visit Kuwait.

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Iraqi jets attack and set on fire two tankers near Iran

MANAMA, July 2, (Agencies): Iraqi warplanes fired missiles into two tankers in a convoy leaving Iran's Kharg island oil terminal during the night, setting them ablaze. Gulf-based shipping sources reported today.

They said the gunboats sped away after the raid on the 268,000-tonne Karima Maersk 35 miles north of Dubai. Iran's first attack on neutral merchant shipping since June 14.

A helicopter from an unidentified US warship later flew near the tanker, the sources said.

The Iranian gunboats had kept a low profile in recent weeks, with only three attacks reported since May 27.

Shipping executives reported today that an Iranian gunboat was active in the southern part of the waterway.

The executives said monitors reported that a British frigate, HMS Beaver, radioed the unidentified gunboat: "Iranian warship, this is British warship. Good morning. Nice to see you again. Your intention please."

Scored

Baaghdad Radio, quoting a military communiqué, reported that Iraqi warplanes hit two "large maritime targets," which usually means tankers, off the Iranian coast at 10 p.m. yesterday (1900 GMT) and at eight minutes after midnight (2108 GMT Friday).

The jets scored "direct and effective hits" and returned safely to base, the communiqué said.

The raids were in line with Iraq's determination to cut off the enemy's oil supplies and revenues which it uses to finance the war," the communiqué added.

The main focus of the nearly eight-year-old Gulf war in recent months has been on the battlefield.

The Iraqis have driven the Iranians out of their bridgeheads in southern Iraq in a string of assaults.

Compensation

In the wake of the land battles, the Iraqi Air Force on Thursday bombed a gas plant being built at Kangan on Iran's southern Gulf coast and the Cyrus oilfield in the northern Gulf.

● The South Korean government said 12 Korean workers were killed, along with one Iranian, in the Kangan raid. The Seoul government protested to Baghdad and demanded compensation.

Seoul said another 45 Koreans were wounded in the raid.

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Saudis deny Iranian charge

RIYADH, July 2, (Reuters): Saudi Arabia denied today it had allowed Iraqi fighter bombers to land on its territory after carrying out combat missions against Iran.

The Saudi Press Agency (SPA), quoting an official source, said there was no truth to the accusations put to United Nations Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar by Iran's UN representative Mohammad Mahallati.

DAY BY DAY

ALL Gulf countries, except Kuwait, provide visitors at airports with one week visas.

The latest in the Gulf to follow is Qatar. A decision to this effect was issued recently.

I fail to see what prevents officials from studying the possibility of providing similar facilities at Kuwait Airport — provided, security scrutiny is also applied as in all other countries.

Stringency in security policy need not mean going to extremes. We can strengthen our security based on countries like Switzerland, for example, which deals with foreign visitors in a flexible, but well-controlled manner.

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INTERNATIONAL

Pentagon freezes \$1.6b of contracts

WASHINGTON, July 2. (Reuter): The US Defence Department in its first major response to a widening weapons procurement scandal, is freezing contracts valued at more than \$1.6 billion and is reviewing deals with four major firms.

The Navy has begun suspension proceedings against a fifth contractor, the Continental Electronics unit of Varian Associates Inc., Defence Secretary Frank Carlucci announced last night.

Although Carlucci did not spell out the meaning of suspension, in the past such action has rendered a company ineligible to bid for a contract.

Varian, an electronics manufacturer based in Palo Alto, California, is the first company to face Pentagon sanctions in the official investigation made public on June 14.

Carlucci told a hastily called news conference the frozen contracts touch nine high technology programmes, mainly Navy communications and computer projects.

The projects, ranging from fibre optic cables to a base anti-submarine warfare control centre, were unofficially valued at a total of \$1.67 billion.

Impact

Carlucci, asked if such action on contracts could hurt national security, said: "I would not put what we have done today in that category, but clearly it has an impact."

As the probe continued, federal prosecutors said on Friday that in two cases, people implicated in the scandal have already destroyed documents.

Prosecutors said the two incidents show that the contents of the affidavits in the volatile case must be kept secret in order to aid the investigation.

Pentagon officials were unable to immediately identify the companies whose contracts were frozen in the nine programmes. A Navy spokesman said the names of the prime contractors were being collated and would probably not be available before Tuesday.

Call to limit Warsaw Pact forces

BRUSSELS, July 2. (UPI): NATO leaders have challenged the Soviet Union to extend the economic and political reforms of its leader, Mikhail Gorbachev, to the battlefield and limit the rival Warsaw Pact alliance's military posture to necessary defence.

Manfred Woerner, taking over the NATO reigns from retiring Secretary-General Lord Carrington, said that the Western alliance is "built on the concept of military restraint" and asked the East bloc countries to follow suit.

"It has purely defensive aims and confines itself to what is needed for its own defence," Woerner said of NATO. "This is something new in history. It is to be hoped that the Warsaw Pact will follow this example. This would be a decisive new turn for the ... Soviet Union and conclusive evidence of the well-publicised new thinking in the Soviet Union and Warsaw Pact."

Woerner, a former West German Defence Minister, said his priorities in leading NATO will be fostering unity within the alliance, maintaining the credibility of the West's defence capabilities, and furthering East-West relations.

In London, Gen John Galvin, the supreme allied commander in Europe, said Soviet military deployments and preparations have not lessened despite Gorbachev's focus on democratisation and economic revitalisation at home.

"We're still looking for reductions in military production and capability," Galvin said. "Our quest for more conventional stability and the forthcoming negotiations with the Soviet Union and her allies will be a decisive test for the professed more peaceful and defensive intentions of the Warsaw Pact."

He said the Soviets "are in about the same military production efforts as in March 1985 when Gorbachev came in."

Protest demonstrations flare in West Bank

Palestinian youth shot dead

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, July 2. (AP): Israeli troops shot and killed an Arab youth and wounded a second man today as demonstrations broke out in at least five towns and villages in the occupied West Bank, Israeli Radio and Arab reports said.

Arab assailants also hurled a firebomb at troops in downtown Gaza city but no injuries were reported, the Army said.

An Army spokesman denied soldiers opened fire in the West Bank towns of Jenin, where the death was reported, and Kalandia, where a youth was said to have suffered a bullet wound.

Israeli Radio said the Jenin youth was shot in the head and his body was taken from the hospital by his family. It said the clash with soldiers erupted after masked men entered schools and brought school children out to demonstrate.

Curfew

An official at Jenin hospital confirmed the death but would not release the dead youth's name.

A man in his 20s was treated as an out-patient for a bullet wound.

Soldiers rounded up about fifty people for questioning and

made them sit on the ground as they awaited interrogation, a local Arab reporter said.

The Israeli general in charge of the occupied Gaza Strip promised Friday to release dozens of Arab prisoners from areas where rioting has ceased and called on aspiring Palestinian leaders to cooperate with Israeli authorities.

"Leadership that wants to be leadership, please do; they should present themselves before the public and come into contact with the (Israeli) administration and will be happy to have work ties with them for the welfare of the population," he said.

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Warning

"I have intentions to release dozens of prisoners, including administrative detainees, next week, and they will mostly be released if they are from places where there is quiet and security and where there has been a return to routine life," Mordechai said.

Last month Maj. Gen. Amram Mitzna, who is in charge of the occupied West Bank, released 89 Palestinian prisoners. Military officials said that step was taken "to contribute to restoring nor-

mal life to the area."

But Mordechai also warned the Army would take harsh steps against underground leadership committees, which have been active in organising the uprising since last December, and anyone who follows their directives.

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Vyacheslav Lebedev, leader of the Soviet inspection team shows his identity card to the US press upon arrival at Travis Air Force base. (Reuter wirephoto)

How Gorbachev became party leader

Ligachev reveals secrets

MOSCOW, July 2. (AP): Yegor K. Ligachev, speaking at the Communist Party conference, gave unprecedented personal insight into the secretive working of the Soviet leadership.

Ligachev, the No. 2 man in the Kremlin, revealed Friday that Andrei A. Gromyko and KGB chief Viktor Chebrikov provided crucial support to help make Mikhail Gorbachev the party leader in March 1985. Gromyko, now president, was foreign minister at the time.

The revelation was among several secrets disclosed by Ligachev in the speech in which he recounted emotions and experiences in a manner rare for a member of the traditionally aloof party Politburo.

Crisis

Disputing claims from ousted Moscow Communist Party boss Boris Yeltsin that he had slowed reform, Ligachev said, he had been deeply worried about the country during the final days of Leonid Brezhnev's leadership.

Brezhnev ruled from 1964 to 1982, years that have become known as the "time of stagnation." Ligachev spoke of a national crisis occurring during that time.



Ligachev: secrets

More "very disquieting days and hours" came when the party elite assembled to choose a successor to Konstantin Chernenko in March 1985, Ligachev said.

"Put me in the centre" of action, he said, suggesting he had played a major role in the decision to name Gorbachev the party's general secretary. "We could have made quite different decisions. And sometimes I think: What would have happened to the country after that?" he told the conference delegates.

Gromyko, 78, was foreign minister for 28 years before accepting the largely ceremonial presidency in July 1985. Both he and Solomentsev have sat on the policy-setting Central Committee since the early 1960s.

Ligachev's statements also could boost Gromyko and Solomentsev a day after they were criticized by name at the four-day conference that ended Friday.

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Ligachev's remarks, which were televised, added to the surprises in a week that was full of them.

"The country came to a crisis" before Gorbachev became leader, Ligachev said and he spoke of corruption, lack of discipline and alcoholism.

Speech

With the support of Chebrikov, Gromyko, Politburo member Mikhail Solomentsev and some regional party leaders, "the only correct decision was

15 people die every day in Sudanese town

KHARTOUM, July 2. (Reuter): Hunger is killing 15 people a day in a southern Sudanese town reported to be under siege by rebels, relief agencies said today.

A further 55 people died over the past two days in another town in Sudan's war-torn south, said Angelo Beda, president of the Khartoum-based Southern Council.

Beda, also a minister without portfolio, said a train with relief supplies was due to leave this week for the town of Aweil in Bahr Al-Ghazal province.

Sudan Aid and the Norwegian Church Aid, both voluntary agencies with church links, said an average of 10 adults and five children were dying from hunger every day in Torit, in Equatoria region near the Ugandan border.

In an aid appeal to the international community, published in the Khartoum daily Al-Telegraph, the agencies said 18,000 destitute refugees from elsewhere in Equatoria had converged on Torit. They said the town had received no relief supplies since December.

Under the treaty, signed last Dec. 9 at the Washington summit, the Soviets did not list the sites they want to visit until they have been in the United States 48 hours, Pease said.

Soviet team begins INF treaty verification

WASHINGTON, July 2. (AP): Soviet missile specialists arrived in California to verify compliance with a treaty to eliminate superpower medium-range missiles as a US inspection team made its way to Moscow.

In California, Vyacheslav Lebedev, the Soviet team chief, said through an interpreter that his inspection will "follow the letter and spirit" of a treaty they hope will further world peace.

The 70 Soviet inspectors arrived at Travis Air Force base, located about 80 kilometres west of San Francisco, on an Aeroflot flight by a 10-member Soviet crew.

The Soviet government notified the United States early Friday that five teams were landing in San Francisco, said Kendall Pease, spokesman for the US on-site inspection agency, created last January to monitor compliance with the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces Treaty.

The United States has the right to keep a team at Votkinsk for up to 13 years, and the Soviets may station inspectors for the same period at Magna, Utah, site of Hercules plant No. 1, where US missiles were produced.

"We all feel this is a historic mission," the head of the inspection agency, Army Brig. Gen. Roland Lajoie, told reporters.

One US team was headed from Moscow to the Soviet city of Votkinsk, the site of a plant that formerly built the SS-20 missiles, the most important Soviet weapon to be eliminated under the treaty.

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threatens the security of all nations," Fitzwater's statement said.

The US is just as worried as us and is aware that there are Arab countries which have now reached the capability of manufacturing chemical weapons and new delivery systems to drop them from the air, use them in artillery or missiles."

He added that Washington also shares Israel's concern over China's entry into the Middle East arms race as a potential supplier of medium-range ground-to-ground missiles.

Rabin stressed that Chinese involvement in the Middle East arms race was contrary to US interests, saying Washington was disturbed to learn of a missile deal between China and Saudi Arabia, one of America's closest Arab allies.

Concern

The newspaper reported that officials in Washington told Rabin that the military plan would further inflame the Palestinian uprising in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

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Heroin seized

TEL AVIV, July 2. (AP): Israeli police intercepted a drug pass today when a Lebanese man threw a bundle containing a kilogramme (2.2 pounds) of heroin across Israel's northern border to a waiting accomplice, a police spokeswoman said.

The Galilee police in northern Israel arrested the man on the Israeli side of the border, whom they identified as Matmoud Dagesh of Maghar, a police spokeswoman said.

The kilo of heroin was worth "hundreds of thousands of dollars," the spokeswoman said.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Road accident

WEIDEN, July 1. (AP): An automobile plowed into a group of 87 people walking to a religious festival, killing a policeman escorting them and injuring 12 of the pilgrims officials said today.

The accident occurred late last night near Weiden, about 70 kilometres (43 miles) northeast of Nuremberg in Bavaria state.

The Roman Catholic pilgrims were walking along the side of a road, en route to nearby Amberg for a religious festival scheduled for the following day, police said.

Police said a 25-year-old man lost control of his vehicle and plowed into the group.

Waste site

BEIRUT, July 2. (Reuter): A Lebanese scientist said that he had been taken ill while inspecting containers of toxic waste dumped in Lebanon.

"I was inspecting suspicious containers when I felt a strong burning sensation in the face and eyes and then a shortness of breath," said Dr Pierre Maisafi, in hospital after the incident on Thursday.

Doctors have told him his blood pressure is dangerously low.

Official sources estimate that Lebanese contractors have accepted more than 2,400 tonnes of chemical waste for disposal most of it from Italy.

Price system

BEIJING, July 2. (AP): China's legislative chairman blamed the country's semi-controlled price system for growing black marketeering and pressed in speech published today for a speedy completion of price reforms.

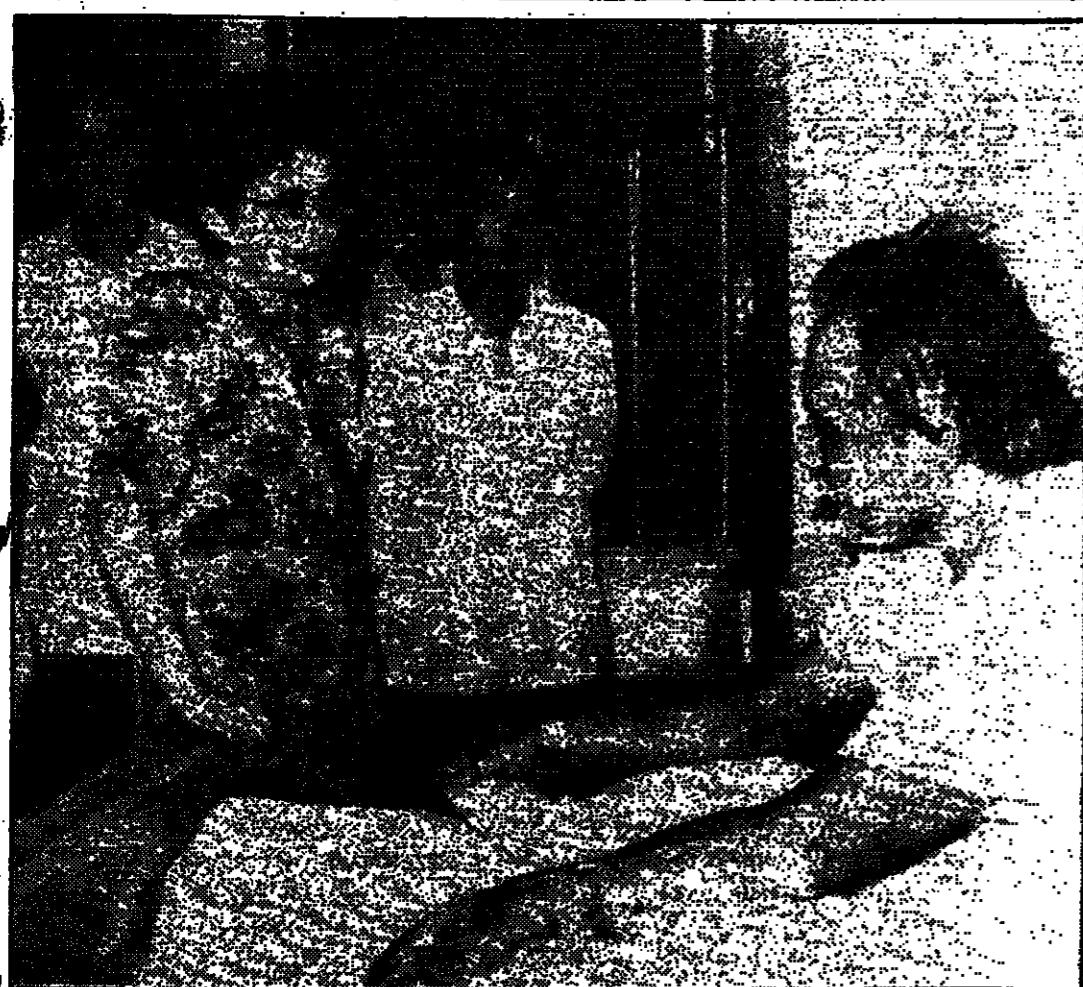
"Every kind of breaking of laws and regulations... profiteering, bribery, perverting the legal system through bribes... all to some degree are linked" to China's incomplete price reforms, Wan Li said yesterday before the standing committee of the National People's Congress.

Air crash

BORDEAUX, France, July 2. (UPI): A West German Air Force Transall C-160 transport aircraft crashed in a vegetation field in western France today after an engine failure and six crew members were injured, rescue workers said.

The accident happened close to Bourdeau-Merignac airport. Firefighters pulled the six injured German airmen from the fuselage and ambulances took them to a local hospital for

INTERNATIONAL



President Aquino talks to leftist academic Nemesio Prudente, who survived a second assassination attempt in a street ambush. (Reuter wirephoto)

Gunmen kill Filipino human rights lawyer

MANILA, July 2, (UPI): Armed men today gunned down the third human rights lawyer in 16 days and the fifth in a year, sparking charges of a "systematic" right-wing campaign more deadly than any conducted under former martial law ruler Ferdinand Marcos.

The victim, former professor Emmanuel Mendoza, 57, was named as a friend of university president Nemesio Prudente, who also was ambushed and seriously wounded on Thursday for the second time in eight months.

Plot

Police spokesman Marcelino Tadeo said two youths on a motorcycle drew alongside Mendoza's Ford Granada while it was stopped at a traffic light in central Manila and opened fire with a 45-caliber handgun, striking the prominent 1976 Nobel laureate twice. (UPI) (Seebox 51)

Bystanders rushed Mendoza to the Santo Tomas University Hospital where he died an hour

S. Korean assembly rejects Roh's nominee for chief justice

SEOUL, July 2, (AP): The opposition-controlled National Assembly today rejected President Roh Tae-Woo's nomination of a new chief justice in the first test of power in the newly formed parliament.

The rejection of the president's nomination of a chief justice was the first by the National Assembly in South Korea's 40-year constitutional history.

It was also the first serious political setback for Roh since he took office on Feb 25 with a narrow victory from last December's presidential elections.

Roh's government lost legislative elections in April.

Roh's nominee, Chung Ki-

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Chung, received 141 votes in the single-chamber assembly, seven votes short of a simple majority required for approval. There were 295 lawmakers present of the 299-member assembly.

Voting

Six lawmakers voted against Chung while 134 others, mostly from the nation's two major opposition parties headed by Kim Dae-Jung and Kim Young-Sam, abstained from voting in a coordinated anti-government gesture. Fourteen votes were determined to be invalid.

The setback came after Roh's governing Democratic Justice Party, which controls 125 seats, expressed confidence it could

muster enough votes with the help of a conservative opposition group.

Kim Jong-Pil's New Democratic Republican Party, with 35 assembly members, had publicly endorsed Roh's nomination. But some of its members seconded and voted against Chung.

Chung's nomination had touched off a controversy at the nation's two major opposition groupings, the Party for Peace and Democracy and the Reunification Democracy Party, questioned his background under past authoritarian governments.

Chung, 60, was named a Supreme Court judge in 1986 after holding various judicial posts for 29 years.

An anti-Chung campaign spread since his nomination was made known on Thursday. More than 300 lawyers signed petitions against the nomination, criticizing him for his alleged pro-government role in the past. A Catholic activist group also joined the campaign.

The failure of the nomination to pass parliament will strain relations between the ruling and opposition camps, and will be difficult for Roh to handle, according to political analysts.

New opposition party emerging as alternative

Ozal faces serious challenge

ANKARA, July 2, (Reuters): After months of infighting, rival factions in Turkey's main opposition party have buried the hatchet to challenge the divided government of Prime Minister Turgut Ozal.

Independent political sources said today the newly United Social Democrats were emerging as a credible alternative ready to take advantage of splits affecting the ruling Motherland Party seven months after a sweeping election win.

The Social Democrat Populist Party (SHP) united this week at meetings which returned Erdal Inonu as chairman and elected former arch-rival Deniz Baykal as secretary-general.

Discontent

"If the SHP's new arrangement can be maintained, not only the SHP but also Turkey's political life, which requires a consistent opposition party, will benefit greatly," one independent political source said.

Opinion polls this year have shown the SHP either ahead or narrowly trailing Ozal's Motherland Party, which has 292 seats in the SHP's 99 in the 450-seat

parliament.

Polls reflect discontent over Ozal's free-market economic policies, which have sent inflation soaring to 70 per cent from 39 per cent before last November's general election.

Ozal narrowly escaped assassination last month during a Motherland Party Congress, which later re-elected him leader but produced dramatic swing to its religious-nationalist right.

Baykal, 50, a cabinet minister in the turbulent 1970s, is the SHP's new strongman, controlling 36 of the 44 seats in the party's new decision-making party assembly.

"The coming municipal elections are our first target," he said after the assembly elected him secretary-general.

Ozal is widely expected to call municipal elections for October, several months before they are due, in an effort to reduce the opposition party's preparation time.

"If the SHP does well there, we will be talking about a possible new government, maybe within four years," an independent political source said.

Ozal, who sees the party as

centrist, last weekend announced minor cabinet changes to

preserve balance in the party, still

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Senior SHP sources said Baykal had buried differences with Inonu, a 62-year-old nuclear physicist untainted by political violence which resulted in the 1980 Army coup.

Ozal, 60, a conservative, remains firmly at the head of the Motherland. But political sources say gains made by the so-called "holy alliance" were likely to damage the party's future electoral chances if left unchecked.

The alliance, a rightist faction with Muslim fundamentalist leanings, won 35 seats on the Motherland's 50-member policymaking body in a secret ballot a week before the SHP meeting.

Led by Mehmet Kececi, a former top Motherland official and ex-mayor of the religious fundamentalist stronghold of Konya, the group includes followers of the ultra-rightist Nationalist Movement Party, banned after the coup.

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"Ozal kept the balance. If he did not, he would be out of the window," a Western diplomat said.

Health Minister Bulent Akarali, who resigned shortly before the reshuffle, was quoted by newspapers as saying many people in the party would rather leave than work with Kececi.

Alliance

"The holy alliance emerged only a few months ago in reaction to what it saw as takeover of the party by liberals, some of whom, because of their Western education, do not speak Turkish as well as foreigners," one diplomat said.

The alliance at present represents only about eight per cent of motherland supporters. But political sources say its strength is growing in rural areas hit hardest by inflation.

Kececi, 44, did not get a cabinet post but diplomats said he will in time be given a portfolio to make him accept collective responsibility.

"Ozal is likely to bring him back into the main stream after he has humiliated him enough," one diplomat said.

Tiger rebels demanding \$38.4m for surrender

COLOMBO, July 2, (AP): Tamil militants in Sri Lanka are ready to surrender but negotiations have stalled because the rebels are demanding 500 million Indian rupees (\$38.4 million), Tamil sources said today.

Sources close to the rebels in Colombo said the militants were demanding the money from the Indian government in exchange for giving up arms.

The sources, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the rebels also were not willing to allow any monitoring of how the money would be spent.

In the southern Indian city of Madras, Sadashiv Krishnamuram, a senior member of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, said the group was willing to surrender but was awaiting final orders from its commander.

The Tigers form the largest rebel group in Sri Lanka and have been at the forefront of the 5-year-old guerrilla war for an independent Tamil homeland.

Negotiations

India, which has 50,000 peacekeeping troops in Sri Lanka, has been trying to negotiate an end to the separatist war in the neighbouring island nation.

The United News of India news agency quoted Krishnamuram as saying the Tigers would hand over their weapons as soon as an agreement was reached on the timing of a surrender and the number of arms to be given up.

But the news agency also quoted him as saying that the final decision would be taken only after consultations with the Tigers commander, Velupillai Prabhakaran.

Prabhakaran is based in Sri Lanka and has eluded a series of manhunts launched by Indian troops.

Krishnamuram's statement came a day after an amnesty offer to the rebels by the Sri Lankan government and amid reports that the Tigers were holding talks with Indian officials in Madras.

In New Delhi, an Indian Foreign Ministry spokesman declined comment on Krishnamuram's remarks. But an Indian diplomat in Sri Lanka, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said on Thursday that the two sides were "close to an agreement."

Signs

Sri Lankan National Security Minister Lalith Athulathmudali said on Thursday that there were signs the rebels would surrender by Sunday. He was speaking at a public meeting at Katugampola, 96 kilometres northwest of Colombo.

Last July 29, India and Sri Lanka signed a peace accord aimed at ending the ethnic warfare in the island nation off India's southern coast. The Tigers accepted the accord but reneged in October.

ASEAN to offer plan for peace in Kampuchea

BANGKOK, July 2, (UPI): The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), hoping for an end to the Kampuchean conflict, will reveal a peace plan at their 21st annual foreign ministers meeting and present it to Kampuchea's head of state, ASEAN sources said.

The plan proposes a political solution to end the complex 9-year-old Kampuchean conflict involving four different Kampuchean factions. Vietnam, superpowers which have sided with different parties in the conflict, and Kampuchea's non-communist ASEAN neighbours.

This was one of the reasons why a so-called new world information order aimed at addressing the imbalance between the developed and developing worlds was needed, Varma said.

Western members oppose efforts in the United Nations to create such a system, which they fear could lead to censorship, the licensing of journalists and other constraints on the free flow of news.

Varma did not name the Western agencies said to dominate news but it was assumed he was referring to the Associated Press, United Press International, Reuters and Agence France-Presse.

In his UN debut, Ambassador Michael Okeyo, the new chief delegate of Kenya, also complained of one-sided reporting which tended to look down on Third World leaders or suggest that what was culturally different from the developed nations was necessarily abnormal or inferior.

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Refugees

The ASEAN plan also calls for the end of outside support to the conflicting Kampuchean factions and the repatriation of the country's refugees.

It also demands the withdrawal of Vietnamese troops under the supervision of the peace keeping force and suggests the withdrawal be completed within seven months.

The plan, described by one ASEAN diplomat as "still fluid", is to be considered by the ministers along with a peace plan formulated by the United Nations after special UN envoy Rafeeuddin Ahmed visited Phnom Penh, Vietnam and Laos.

The plan, to be discussed at the July 4-5 meeting, calls for a

new policy designed to stem the tide of so-called "boat people."

The government considers all boat people arriving after June 15 to be illegal immigrants, and said they will be kept in camps pending repatriation once Vietnam agrees to take them back.

Only people found to be fleeing religious or political persecution will be granted refugee status, officials have said.

Influx of boat people

HONG KONG, July 2, (AP): Vietnamese refugees continue to stream into Hong Kong by boat despite new restrictions, with a recent arrival of 470 in one day prompting a local official today to warn of a crisis if the influx does not stop.

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Pilgrimage is a security headache for Saudis

BAHRAIN. July 2. (Reuters): For thousands of Muslim pilgrims the trek to Makkah is the dream of a lifetime. For Saudi Arabia it is a security nightmare.

As the annual pilgrimage to the holy cities of Makkah and Medina nears, Muslims from across the world are starting to pour into Jeddah airport's "Haj" terminal on Saudi Arabia's Red Sea coast for the spiritual climax of the Islamic calendar.

This year they will find security tighter than ever, with Saudi Arabia determined to stamp out political demonstrations and violence that a year ago led to the death of 402 people, most of them Iranian pilgrims.

In a strongly worded statement aimed squarely at Tehran, Riyadh said this week it would "deal sternly with any spoilers who commit or attempt to commit a crime that would disrupt security like carrying banners, pictures, explosives, weapons, rioting, sabotage or using loudspeakers."

Duty

But a drastic reduction in the numbers of Iranians does not mean Saudi security forces are not geared for trouble and diplomats say foreign experts in crowd control will be deployed among the pilgrims as they surge through the streets of Makkah.

Just how many Muslims will visit Saudi Arabia this year is unclear.

With Iran's contingent expected to be largely absent, recession still running through the Middle East, and worries over last year's violence, numbers may well fall short of the nearly two million worshippers recorded in 1987.

A haj (pilgrimage) official in Makkah told Reuters by telephone: "We do not know how many people will come this year, some countries are passing through economic hardship and might not be able to fill their quotas."

The Muslim faithful, known as "Guests of God", will flock to Saudi Arabia from over 100 countries as far away as Australia to perform the rituals of haj, one of the five pillars of Islam.

Arab diplomats in the region

Preparations for Marine Week

By Lima Al Khalafawi

Sheikh Sabah meetings

DEPUTY Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed yesterday received Minister of Labour and Social Affairs Sheikh Nasser Mohammed Al Ahmed and Minister of Finance Jassim Al Khorafi.

Meanwhile, Sheikh Sabah received an official invitation from Tunisian Foreign Minister Mahmoud Mestiri to visit Tunisia.

The invitation, which was accepted, was conveyed by Tunisian Ambassador to Kuwait Al Habib Kabashi during his meeting with Sheikh Sabah.

Sheikh Sabah also received Sudanese Ambassador to Kuwait Mohammad Al Ameen Abdulla during which he briefed Sheikh Sabah on situation in Sudan.

Sheikh Hamad returns

MANAMA, July 2. (KUNA): Bahrain Crown Prince and General Commander of the defence force Sheikh Hamad Bin Issa Al Khalifa returned here last night following visits to Morocco and Jordan.

Sheikh Hamad, in Jordan conferred with his Jordanian counterpart Prince Hassan on latest Arab development and bilateral relations.

The Bahraini top official was received by the Amir of Bahrain Sheikh Issa Bin Hamad Al Khalifa and a number of senior Bahraini officials on his arrival here.

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● The director of the work camp Jadaie Al Ajmi recently distributed prizes to outstanding participants of the 37th work camp. The function was also attended by the camp's administrative authority.

Ministry paying attention to primary health services

IN an interview with a local daily, Kuwait's Minister of Public Health Dr Abdul Razzaq Al Abdul Razzaq denied that the Civil Service Council was impeding the adjustment of the shifts and the nature of work allowances. The council's resolutions were being taken in light of the ministry's proposals he said.

He stressed that the ministry was paying special attention to the primary health services. He stated: "I personally believe that citizens' contributions in this respect are essential" and added that the family doctor would be the formula of the future for developing such services.

Training

The minister acknowledged that the primary care concept was unclear even to the physicians. Consequently, the ministry had adopted a new training programme aimed at creating an awareness of the primary health care among doctors. Specialists and visiting professors would discourse at such programmes he said.

He suggested that the clinics doctors should be involved in a training course of 10 to 16 hours per year. Further, he disclosed that the ministry intends to cancel the contract "C" which governs the appointment of a category of physicians as the work nature allowance of con-

tracts "A" and "D" would suffice.

Relying to a question on the success of the Health areas, the minister said a study will be undertaken by the under-secretary to determine administrative specifications and applied aspects to be followed at the health areas.

Consultants

He disclosed that the ministry intends to allow Kuwaiti doctors working at the ministry to establish their own clinics. Criteria governing this issue will be presented shortly he said.

Furthermore, he said, the ministry is contemplating permitting

doctors at private sectors to appoint consultants to work in these clinics during their absence.

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The best man for the job is a woman

DR Hala Al Umran, director of Bahrain Television, likes to be judged by her quality of work. It offends her when someone does her a favour because she is a woman.

"An individual must be judged by his or her professionalism, and not on the basis of whether he is a man or she is a woman," she asserts, softly but firmly in her faultless English accent.

When she hires her team for Bahrain Television, she says, she looks for "the best man for the job." Even that "man" happens to be a woman, she hires her.

"But I would never hire a woman because she is a woman. She has to prove she is efficient, qualified and has the personality to handle the job in question," she explains.

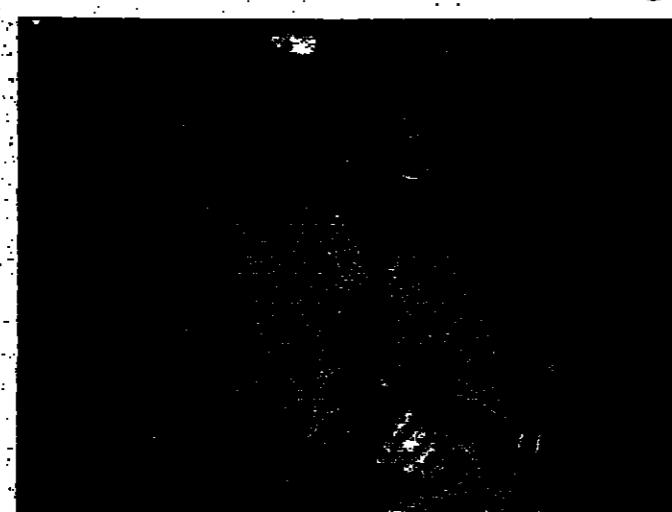
The important thing for a woman, she says, is to get the chance to prove her worth. Arab and Gulf women have been "given a chance."

"In some cases the doors have been opened. We (women) must be professionals, regardless of gender. I don't like to make society the scapegoat," she said.

Personality is "important" for the dynamic director, who believes in innovating, adapting and changing with the times. Above all, she feels, education is a vital factor in women's march towards freedom.

She believes Bahraini women have been particularly lucky as education came relatively early to her country in comparison to other countries in the Gulf.

"Bahraini women have



Dr Hala Al Umran: progressive

become a part of society, they are accepted, they are there and can handle the job. This is why you see so many women in all fields," she said.

The progress of Bahraini women was a natural, gradual process assimilating them in society, more importantly, giving them the chance they needed.

Dr Hala herself represents the progressive women of Bahrain.

Always alert and articulate, it was an uphill trek for the best "man," sorry, woman, who heads Bahrain TV. After several jobs in the field of information, Hala did her doctorate in mass communication. Through sheer hard work, persistence and business acumen she landed the job as director of her country's TV network.

Bahrain TV's Channel 55 has a wide audience in Kuwait.

heavy documentary there is a light-hearted show, designing our schedule to keep the viewer happy," she explains.

Not all viewers are happy. Some demand a change in timings of a particular show, or want to see repeats of personal favourites."

"We can't always cater to personal taste. Our job is to satisfy a large section of the audience," she said.

"The policy is to provide alternatives. If someone is not happy with a documentary, he has the choice to watch a comedy drama or action series. We try to give them a choice."

The choice is wide for young viewers, who get to see the latest shows from around the world.

Hala waives aside criticism about the adverse influence of TV on children. "It (television) has become a scapegoat for society's problems," she asserts, admitting the role of television in shaping a child's personality.

"Television is an important medium of information, entertainment and education. It has to be handled carefully, all problems, particularly children's, should not be blamed on TV," she said.

She feels: the family, school and the society are to be blamed partly for the "bad influence" on children.

"A child, in today's world, gets to know the world through TV, it affects his taste and builds his personality. It is an important factor," she explains. This aspect is "taken care of by her team," she said.

Gulf networks are now trying to develop local production

capacity. Bahrain's local productions have gone up by 28 to 30 per cent in the last four years. This applies to other TV networks in the Gulf as well, she says, as it is part of a GCC policy to increase the number of locally produced serials, mostly in Arabic. In Ramadan, about 40 per cent of all serials are locally produced.

To handle a TV station efficiently, a large percentage of local serials are required. But reality does not always allow this. "So, we try to balance between local and imported serials, both for our English and Arabic channels," she said. "In Bahrain we go for quality."

"Our policy is to start small, but be good," she said. Yet, Bahrain, like other networks in the Gulf, depends on other Gulf producers, Egypt and Europe to meet about 70 per cent of their needs.

To remove the imbalance, efforts are underway to step up local production through the GCC. Joint efforts are being made to train personnel on a rotation basis and are buying new technology to improve quality.

Bahrain is co-operating with the GCC countries to "buy the rights for major events." This includes major international events like Olympics, sports and others, with a view to "reduce the cost."

"Television is an expensive medium. Through GCC policy of buying jointly, we are trying to cut costs by sharing. At this point, we are working towards finding a way beneficial to all GCC members," she said.

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Saud Abdullah stars in Ghadan Tabda Al Hayat, 11.15 am on KTV1 today

- 9.00 Holy Quran
- 9.15 Good Morning
- 9.30 Cartoons: Rahlat Haul Al Alam
- 10.00 News followed by variety entertainment
- 10.15 Thamar Al Shok: daily serial, starring Abdul Munim Madbouli, Rashwan Tawfiq, Fatima Tabai, Ahsan Qalawi.
- 11.00 News Summary
- 11.15 Ghadan Tabda Al Hayat: local serial, starring Suad Abdallah, Hayat Al Fahd, Ghanem Al Saleh, Khalid Al Obaid.
- 12.15 Hardcastle and McCormick: with Brian Keith
- 1.00 News Summary
- 1.05 World News via Satellite
- 2.30 Wamrat Al Ayam: Arabic serial, starring Zizi Badawi.
- 3.35 Bill and Sebastian: cartoon serial
- 4.00 News Summary
- 4.20 Kultur Al Tamayeen: Arabic film, featuring Yunus Shalabi, Samah Anwar, Mohammad Rida, Naja Fuad.
- 6.00 Al Jawharah: children's serial, starring Abdul Munim Ibrahim, Mohammad Dafarawi, Wafa Shabani, Huda Essa.
- 7.10 In Public Service: You and Your Health
- 7.45 Wa Qalat Al Arab: And the Arabs said...

KTV2

- 3.50 Wimbledon Tennis: "Men's Singles"
- 7.00 Understanding Islam: weekly talk on Islamic philosophy, hosted by Arafat Al Ashi.
- 7.30 Valerie: comedy about a single parent and her efforts to keep the home fires burning.
- 8.00 News in English
- 8.40 The Flying Doctors: "A Lost Generation." A young girl claiming her grand mother's property tries to prove her identity.
- 9.30 My Two Dads: two men claim custody of a 12-year-old boy after his mother dies.
- 10.00 Hilary's World of Adventure: sports action from New Zealand where one daring young man attempts mountain climbing and another takes part in a car rally.
- 10.30 Best-Seller: "A Perfect Spy." New best-seller about a couple, the husband is a fraud and the wife insane, and their son, kept in the custody of an uncle.
- 12.00 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.



My Two Dads, pilot episode of new series, tonight at 9.30 pm, KTV2

RADIO PROGRAMMES

BBC World Services

- 0000 World News
- 09 News about Britain
- 15 Radio Newsnet
- 30 3rd Play of the Week: Quartiermaine's Terms; 10th and 17th Great British Concert Halls; 31st Bernstein: Conductor and Composer
- 0100 News Summary (ex 3rd) followed by Play of the Week: 3rd Quartiermaine's Terms contd; 10th and 17th La Peste — Parts 1 and 2; 31st Prometheus Bound
- 0200 World News
- 09 British Press Review
- 15 The Third Policeman (ex 3rd Sports world; 10th Midnight Express)
- 0300 World News
- 09 News About Britain
- 15 From Our Own Correspondent
- 30 The Ken Bruce Show
- 0300 World News
- 09 News About Britain
- 15 From Our Own Correspondent
- 30 A Word in Edgeways
- 0400 Newsdesk
- 30 Glyndebourne — The Early Years (ex 3rd The Music of Weber)
- 45 Reflections
- 05 Financial News
- 0500 World News
- 09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
- 30 The A-Z of Hollywood
- 45 Letter from America
- 0600 Newsdesk
- 30 Jazz for the Week
- 0700 World News
- 09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
- 30 From Our Own Correspondent
- 45 Words (ex 3rd Sportsworld)
- 50 Waveguide (ex 3rd)
- 0800 World News
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- 15 The Pleasure's Yours
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- 09 British Press Review
- 15 Science in Action
- 45 A Life at the UN (ex 3rd and 10th The Bishops Come to Lambeth)
- 1000 News Summary followed by Short Story
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- 0600 Newsdesk

Show (ex 3rd) including at 1400 News Summary

1430 Trivia Test Match (ex 3rd Sportsworld contd; 10th A Word in Edgeways)

FM Services

- 0800 Easy Listening
- 0830 News
- 0840 Easy Listening
- 1000 Songs and Music
- 1300 Easy Listening
- 1330 News
- 1400 Classical Music
- 1600 Easy Listening
- 1700 Latin American Hour
- 1800 Pops
- 1900 Heiter Skelter
- 2130 News
- 2145 Pops
- 2200 Jazz Hour
- 2300 Easy Listening
- 3400 Instrumental Music
- 0200 Closedown

Urdu

- 1900 Opening
- 1910 Behtereen Qaul
- 1916 Programme Preview
- 1920 Songs
- 1935 Press Report
- 1940 Ek Khayal Ek Geet
- 2000 News
- 2020 Songs
- 2040 Geet Kahani
- 2100 Closedown

NIGHT CHEMIST

- Kuwait
- Al Ameen Pharmacy
- Bebbehani Bldg., Jaber Al Mubarak St.
- Al Salam Pharmacy
- nr. Universal, Mubarak Al Kabir St.
- Hawalli and Nugra
- Al Sabah Pharmacy
- Othman St.
- Salimiya and Rumaihiya
- Al Sima Pharmacy
- Baghdad St.
- Fahabeel and Ahmadi
- Al Adel Pharmacy
- Awadhi Bldg., Fheel
- New Kaitan
- Al Ahram Pharmacy
- Block 2, Sulaiman Saleh Al Rahimani Bldg.
- Jahra
- Al Noor Pharmacy
- Abdulaziz Nasrullah Bldg., Matafi St.

CINEMA TODAY

- Al Andalus
- Desperately Seeking Susan
- Starring: Madonna
- Al Sahiya
- The Last Shark
- Starring: James Francisco, Vicki Moro
- Al Hamra
- Shabab Tahat Al Safar (Arabic)
- Starring: Adel Imam, Issad Yunus
- Drive-In
- Laila Al Kabid Al Bakiza Wa Zaghloul (Arabic)
- Starring: Suhaib Babli, Issad Yunus
- Al Firdous
- Zulm Ki Zanjeer (Hindi)
- Starring: Shridevi, Rajnikant
- Fahabeel Open-Air
- Mera Gaon Mera Desh (Hindi)
- Starring: Dharmendra, Vinod Khanna

PRAYERS

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| Asr | 3.26 pm |
| Maghreb | 6.51 |
| Isha | 8.23 |

Jaffri bids farewell

THE Indian Embassy First Secretary (Press and Culture), M. L. R. Jaffri, bids farewell to Kuwait this month with nothing but words of praise for the press in Kuwait.

"The English, particularly the Arab Times, and Arabic newspapers, and other media, have been very co-operative and always forth-coming," he said.

And diplomatically, he said, he enjoyed his four-and-a-half years stay in Kuwait.

Kuwaiti officials, particularly in the Foreign Office, Ministries of Interior and Social Affairs and Labour, were helpful when approached to solve the problems of Indians," he said. Except for a few cases, which he did not mention, he had no "difficulty" in approaching the Kuwaiti authorities, he claims.

Jaffri, who has spent nearly 19 years in the Arab world, first in Sudan, Iran and then in Saudi Arabia, leaves Kuwait in mid-July to take up another Gulf posting, this time in Qatar.

On Friday night Jaffri hosted a farewell dinner for his friends, colleagues and the press at the chancery premises. More than 150 people attended.

PBAK bowling clinic ends

THE Philippine Bowlers Association in Kuwait (PBAK) recently ended its first series of bowling clinics held this year. Their aim was to teach the new techniques and strategies to bowlers in Kuwait.

During the three-week session they discussed courtesy and safety, mental attitude, tools of the trade, weight and pitch, pocket shots, bowling aids and other relevant points.

The speakers included PBAK President Manny Inserto, Bob Peek and Arthur Reyes. The master of ceremony was Cora Paras, director of PBAK.



Gledhill handing over the cheque of \$10,000 to Towfik Abou Radi.

WHAT'S ON

SOCIAL

German-speaking Cultural Association

The regular coffee mornings for ladies will continue on a small scale during the summer months. Coffee mornings will be held on Sunday, July 3 at Kuwait Hilton's La Patisserie from 10 am on those days. All German-speaking women are welcome.

Onam Festival

The Viswabarathi Theatres, Abbasiya, will celebrate Onam on Aug 25 at the Indian Arts Circle. IAC President M. Mathews will be the chief patron. The programme comprises Onam songs, Mohiniyattam, classical dances, Thiruvathirakkali, folk

dances, light music, one-act play, boat race and Kerala rural arts. Those interested in taking part contact Lazar Varughese — 431451; Thomas Perumalipilly — 4810490 ext 207; Verghese Paradyayil — 2422973.

The Association will hold a social evening-cum-entertainment evening on August 11 at Messilah Beach Hotel. The event is part of the 40th anniversary of Indian independence. Top Rank and Next of Kin will be in attendance. For details contact Leena — 2469811, 9.30 am to 5 pm; Henry 3291909; am, 3717346 pm or Augustin 5746754 after 6 pm.

Tareq Rajab Museum The museum in Jabriya houses a collection of Islamic arts, costumes and jewellery from the Muslim world. Summer timings are 9 am to 12 noon and 4 to 7 pm, Sat. thru Thurs.

On Friday the museum is open only in the mornings. Islamic Arts Museum The museum, located on Arab Gulf Street, is open from 8.30 am to 12.30 noon and 4.30 to 7.30 pm, Saturday to Thursday. A collection of the finest Islamic art objects are on show.

HOTELS

At the Sheraton Nightly dine in the Hunt Room and with live music by the Trio Paradise. For lunch Hunt Room offers a la carte.

Tarboche on the Roof offers a variety of Lebanese cuisine in Al Hambra Night Club on Sundays; live entertainment by the World Machine Band.

At the Continental The Gardenia, open from 7 am to midnight, offers dinner buffet on Thursdays; the buffet

features grilled specialities. The Friday lunch features Indian, Arab and Continental cuisine. The Darbar offers an Indian buffet lunch daily except Fridays and a la carte for dinner.

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ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

THE folly of one man is the fortune of another — Francis Bacon, English writer-philosopher (1561-1626).

OPINION

Israel should seek peace, not missiles

ISRAEL recently signed an agreement with the United States for the production of missiles to counteract those of the Arabs.

Arab missiles referred to here and which aroused Israeli and US concerns, are those manufactured in Iraq and Egypt and include those recently acquired by Saudi Arabia. Despite repeated assurances by Arabs that these missiles are only meant for peace, Israel cajoled the biggest superpower in the world to sign a joint agreement for the production of retaliatory missiles.

Iraq has really surprised the world with their locally manufactured missiles that shook the crowns of the bearded men in Iran. In view of the fact that Iran is an important friend of Israel, the construction of the co-operation bridge for producing missiles between Israel and the US is a devious ploy to save the symbols of ignorance in Tehran.

Necessity, it is said, is the mother of all invention. Iraq sorely needed and invented the missiles. This decision to "go at it on its own" became imperative when Iraq tired of knocking on the doors of the superpowers realising their efforts were an exercise in futility and decided to invent their own missiles. It was a constructive effort aimed at protecting its independence and sovereignty at a time when its enemy was being provided with not only other weapons, but long-range missiles by countries that did not wish to see Iraq victorious.

Saudi Arabia, on its part, has acquired long-range missiles, simply because they do not want to see themselves in need of such missiles when enemies plot against the country or when the terrorist in Qom and other terrorism centres of the world plan to disrupt the internal security of the country of the two holy mosques.

Israel should seek peace instead of pushing a big country like the US to sign an agreement to manufacture missiles that would not be required if Israel became convinced of peace and stopped their imagination running wild like the Persian leaders of Iran.

Ahmed Al Jarallah

Namibian scene

Rich in politics, poor in solutions

By Jonathan Sharp

WINDHOEK, (Reuter): At the last count, there were 40 political parties in Namibia, or one for every 30,000 inhabitants thinly scattered across the huge desert territory on southern Africa's Atlantic coast.

But this wealth of politicians has not bred solutions to a kaleidoscope of problems facing the former German colony, which South Africa runs in defiance of world opinion.

This month, the territory's appointed government, which includes blacks as well as whites, marked three years in power but found little to celebrate.

This is because Namibia, unloved and unreconised, is showing signs of becoming unstable.

Tens of thousands of children from Namibia's black majority are boycotting classes and black workers staged a two-day strike, with leaders of the infant but fast-growing Union Movement openly calling for South Africa to quit the territory.

Support

North of the border in war-racked Angola, Cuban troops are massing in what Pretoria says is a bid to derail peace talks on the interlocked Angolan and Namibian disputes that resumed in Cairo last week and will continue at the level of experts in the United States in mid-July.

Windhoek, the Namibian capital, exudes a bland atmosphere of business-as-usual.

It is hard to detect a sense of crisis among politicians of all political and skin colours who meet at Schneider's, the German restaurant which like many Windhoek street names — Kaiser, Goering, Krupp — is a legacy of Namibia's colonial past.

Achieved

"I don't regard the present position as a crisis at all. The government is not in danger of falling," South Africa's top official in Namibia, administrator-general Louis Pienaar, said in an interview at his office in Goering Street.

Veteran politician Dirk Mudge, Finance Minister in the eight-man cabinet which runs Namibia's domestic affairs while Pretoria takes care of defence and foreign issues, looks on the bright side.

He admitted it was difficult working in a government that was condemned by the world as a

puppet and is also restricted by Pretoria in what it can do.

But he added: "We have achieved more than many independent governments in Africa."

He said a previous Namibian administration had been responsible for doing away with such bedrocks of apartheid as the Group Areas Act, which prescribes where people of different races can live.

"We have a different atmosphere in this country from South Africa. Blacks and whites mix at all levels and get along well," he said.

Increasingly active anti-apartheid groups such as the foreign-funded Council of Churches in Namibia say the government is not moving nearly fast enough to wipe out glaring social inequality and remaining apartheid measures.

Such groups are sympathetic to the one party out of Namibia's 40 that the government fears most — the South West Africa People's Organisation (SWAPO).

SWAPO's military wing has fought a 22-year guerrilla campaign which Namibia's South African-led armed forces say confidently is now on the wane.

Support

But the SWAPO political arm, which is not banned and operates legally in Namibia, has more support than any other political grouping.

Pienaar says SWAPO would probably win an election if one were held now.

He attributes this to the threatening presence of thousands of pro-SWAPO Cuban troops north of the border.

"It's my estimate that if the Cubans were withdrawn from Angola, SWAPO's image would be seriously tarnished," Pienaar said.

Cuban withdrawal is the price South Africa is asking for the implementation of United Nations resolution 435 designed to give Namibia its independence.

Not even wild-eyed optimists in Namibia believe that resolution 435, which will be 10 years old in September, will be put into effect soon.

Enormous obstacles remain to be overcome, Pienaar said. "There are too many ifs and buts."

By Jeffrey Ulbrich

BAGHDAD, Iraq, (AP): A series of stunning victories by Iraq has swung the pendulum of the 8-year-old Iran-Iraq war to Baghdad's side, ending a long period of stagnation and convincing the Iraqis that the bloody conflict now has entered its final phase.

"The situation has improved a lot from an Iraqi standpoint," asserted Iraqi Deputy Foreign Minister Nizar Hamdoun. "Time is not on Iran's side, which was the perception before."

"We think we are in the last phase of the war, a phase where the Iranians have begun a significant deterioration in their internal affairs — caused by their military defeats."

Morale

The string of successful Iraqi military operations began in April with the recapture of the important southern oil terminal at Faw in a 36-hour battle.

That was followed by quick victories in the southern Shalamche area in May, in only nine

End of a long period of stagnation in Iran-Iraq war

Pendulum swings towards Baghdad's side

hours, and another nine-hour battle that recovered the oil-rich Majnoon islands near the southern city of Basra on June 25.

Also in June, Iraq announced it had driven Iranian forces from a number of strategic mountain-topes in its northern Kurdistan province. The victories leave only a handful of Iranian positions in Iraqi territory and have boosted Iraqi troop morale enormously.

Military experts in Baghdad who visited some of the recaptured areas were astonished at the speed of the Iraqi offensives and what appeared to be the lack of any stiff Iranian resistance.

Slogans

"Shalamche should have taken days, if not weeks, to retake," said one Western military man in the Iraqi capital.

Diplomats in Baghdad say the Iranian people know about the setbacks and that their morale has suffered.

Breaking out of the defensive posture that has dominated Iraqi military thinking and activity in recent years and taking the offensive against the Iranians has

sparked a new optimism in Baghdad.

President Saddam Hussein, speaking to his troops after the victory at Majnoon, said they had won the most difficult conflict in the chain of battles needed to end the war.

Official slogans suggest the Iraqis feel the end of the fight against Ayatollah Khomeini's forces is near.

The official announcement of victory will soon, God willing, said one sign near the battlefield at Majnoon.

"We are convinced that the outcome of the war will be decided in the coming days, weeks or months," Deputy Premier Tahar Yassin Ramadhan told a Tunisian newspaper last week.

It was not clear if Baghdad's battlefield successes were due to a new-found prowess of the Iraqi Army or a crumbling Iranian will to fight. There have been growing signs of political and military disarray inside Iran.

Western military analysts have noted increasing desertions in the armed forces and Tehran's

difficulty in recruiting new soldiers. The issue of new identity cards in Iran is seen largely as an effort to crack down on draft dodgers.

The conduct of the war also has come under critical scrutiny in the press lately, and factional political squabbling continues.

On June 2, Parliament Speaker Hashemi Rafsanjani was appointed commander-in-chief of Iran's armed forces in an effort to end bickering and implement a badly needed reorganisation of the Army and the Revolutionary Guards.

Surrendered

The National Liberation Army of Iran, and Iraqi-backed and based rebel force made up of members or sympathisers of the people's Mujahideen Organisation, say many of the more than 2,000 prisoners they hold surrendered easily after only brief resistance, indicating little will to fight.

Iraq has refrained from striking into Iranian territory except on brief occasions for tactical reasons. Some observers speculate that once Baghdad has

recovered the few small pockets of Iraqi territory still in Iranian hands, mostly in the mountains north, the war will come to a de facto end, the pre-1980 borders having been re-established.

The Iraqis concede there is no movement at all on the diplomatic front, butting to UN Security Council resolution 598 as the only possible solution to the conflict.

That resolution, accepted by Iraq immediately after its passage last July, has been neither accepted nor rejected by Iran. It calls for a ceasefire, withdrawal to original borders, exchange of prisoners and determination of who was responsible for starting the war.

Ceasefire

Had Iran accepted the resolution and begun negotiations, it may have been able to extract concessions from Iraq in return for the captured territory. Now it has lost the territory and has nothing concrete to show for it.

"Iraq cannot accept just a ceasefire," Hemdoun said. "We think that after eight years of war, you either continue or settle

the war once and for all. You can't have a no-peace situation and maintain the necessary manpower.

"We'll do our best to apply all diplomatic, military and economic pressure on Iran until it accepts a comprehensive peace."

Iraq has little faith in the United Nations' ability to mediate peace, pointing to 20 years of failure in the Arab-Israeli conflict, and has even less faith in outside mediators.

A Turkish effort on behalf of UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar to establish a secret link between Iran and Iraq earlier this month came to nothing.

"After 598, there's nothing more that diplomacy can do," said a Western diplomat. "Iraq is capable of waiting and may be convinced that it's the only route."

Conventional wisdom has been that Iran, with its larger population and greater resources, could wear down and outlast Iraq in a war of attrition. That has not proved to be the case.



Difficult times for Italy's Communist Party

By Mary Beth Sheridan

follow the Russians, the Italian socialists or the Americans," notes a communist senator, Stojan Spetic. "We're still searching for the answer."

The prolonged search has hurt the communists' morale — and also their popularity.

A year ago, the Italian Communist Party (PCI) suffered its worst defeat in parliamentary elections in 20 years, slipping to 26.6 per cent of the vote.

In May, the communists dropped to 21.9 per cent of the vote in local elections, down from 25.8 per cent in 1983. This week's balloting reduced their share of the vote in two regions from 19.8 per cent to 15.7 per cent.

Break

Meanwhile the Socialist Party of former Premier Bettino Craxi has surged, challenging the communists for leadership of the left.

Many communists are planning their hopes for a revival on Occhetto.

Occhetto, 52, inherited a party lacking leadership, divided over its identity and unsure how to appeal to an electorate which is less blue-collar and more conservative than in the past.

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By Robert C. Cowen

ASTRONOMERS knew little about the overall structure and substance of the universe when the 20th century began. By the 1950s, they thought they grasped its essence. They believed the cosmos to be uniform on the large scale so that any one part of it would look the same as any other part. They believed it to consist primarily of hydrogen — the principal element by which stars and galaxies shine. But as the 20th century nears its end, they confront their earlier ignorance.

Recent discoveries suggest the universe has lumps and bubbles of mammoth scale. Last fall, R. Brent Tully of the University of Hawaii reported finding what may be the largest such irregularity yet known. It's an association of galaxy clusters a billion light-years long. A light-year, or the distance light travels in a year, is 6 million million miles. It would take light a billion years — roughly one-tenth of the age of the universe — to travel the length of this structure.

If the universe is homogeneous in the large, astronomers have yet to prove it. Dr Tully notes that observers expected to begin to see this smoothness as their studies embraced larger volumes. Instead, he says, "We see more inhomogeneity."

Also, hydrogen no longer seems to be the primary cosmic substance. A great deal of mass — some experts suggest as much as 90 per cent of the universe — is invisible. Astronomers detect this so-called dark mass — when they can do so at all — only by gravitational influence. Some theorists believe the bulk of it has yet to be found and that it may exist as new forms of matter.

Thus astronomers once again must confess they don't know what the universe is made of. Referring to this burgeoning ignorance, Yale University astrophysicist Lawrence M. Krauss has observed that "cosmology is in many ways in its infancy."

As astronomers wrestle with this ancient question of what our universe is really like, they point out that they expect some clumpiness. It's the vast scale of these irregularities that surprises them.

A completely smoothed out and featureless universe would be unstable. Small differences

New discoveries challenge long-established theories of the cosmos

The dark side of the universe

in density would develop. The denser clumps would grow as their stronger gravity pulled in material from their surroundings. Indeed, galaxies, clusters of galaxies, and gravitationally bound associations of clusters called superclusters may have formed at least partly in this way. But astronomers expected such structures to be more or less randomly distributed. Instead, they are finding a kind of Swiss cheese of bubble-bath arrangement. Vast associations of galaxies seem to spread around the bubble walls, leaving relatively empty voids inside.

Five years ago, Tully was pointing out that evidence

As the 20th century nears its end, scientists admit their knowledge about the overall structure of the universe is far from satisfactory. Recent discoveries suggest that the universe has lumps and bubbles of mammoth scale.

available at that time showed that "clumps and holes can exist on scales as large as 300 million light-years." Shortly thereafter, Riccardo Giovanelli of the National Astronomy and Ionospheric Centre near Arecibo, Puerto Rico, and Martha P. Haynes of the National Radio Astronomy Observatory at Green Bank, W.Va., mapped part of the sky

at radio wavelength and found a band of associated galaxies 700 million light-years long. It was the largest continuous structure charted on the sky up to that time. Dust had hidden it in surveys made with optical telescopes. But it showed up in the radio maps as a continuous band of galaxies linking two previously known superclusters — one in the Constella-

tions Perseus and Pisces and the other in Ursa Major and Lynx.

Then, about two years ago, John Huchra, Margaret Geller, and Valeria de Lapparent of the Harvard-Smithsonian Centre for Astrophysics made a three-dimensional map of a slice of sky that contains nearly 1,100 galaxies. In the angular measure astronomers use in sky mapping, the slice was 6 degrees thick by 117 degrees wide and extended 450 to 900 million light-years in depth. Although that's a small part of the cosmos, it is big enough to suggest how galaxies are distributed. Instead of the expected random scattering, galaxies appeared to lie on the surface of voids 90 to 150 million light-years in diameter. They appeared like flecks of foam on the surface of soap bubbles.

Astronomers had seen that sort of thing before but thought it a rare occurrence. Continuing work by Dr Huchra and associates and by other investigators has shown the pattern to be common. Most galaxies seem to gather around the edges of "bubbles" up to 450 million light-years across with little luminous matter inside. Seen in two dimensions, such an arrangement would give the impression of galaxy chains stretching like filaments across the sky. It's a degree of organised structuring on a surprisingly large scale for a universe whose material was supposed to be homogeneous and randomly distributed when taken in sizeable volumes.

Such was the situation last November when Tully announced the discovery of organised structure on an even grander scale. This supercluster complex, as he calls it, lies in the Constellations Pisces and Cetus. It encompasses millions of galaxies and stretches something like one-tenth of the way across the observable universe. Tully says he has preliminary evidence of four other such supercluster complexes. But he can't fully investigate them, because they stretch beyond the volume of space that has been surveyed. "There are no good limits on how large they might

be," he explains.

There are other indications of large-scale structure or lumpiness. Over the past decade astronomers have convinced themselves that the Virgo supercluster, in which our Milky Way galaxy is embedded, and a couple of nearby superclusters are sliding in the direction of the Southern Cross. This slip, at some million miles an hour, may be due to the gravitational pull of an as yet unobserved monster mass that astronomers call the Great Attractor. If it exists, it would be perhaps several million light-years across by several hundred thousand light-years wide. And it might well consist, at least in part of some of the mysterious dark matter whose shadowy presence now intrigues astronomers.

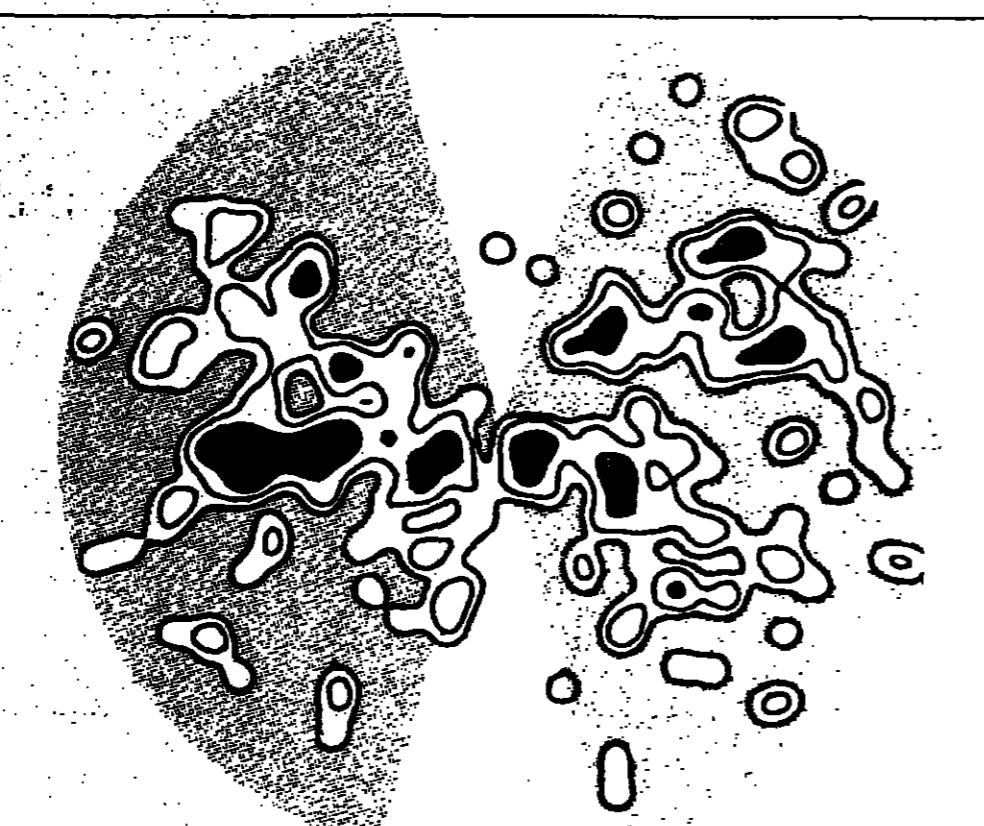
Matter within galaxies and galaxies within clusters move much too fast to be held together by the gravitational pull of their visible stars, gas, and dust alone. Here "visible" means detectable by any kind of electromagnetic radiation including infrared, light, radio, X-ray, and the like. It's as though some unseen material, whose mass exceeds the visible mass by several times, must also be present.

Also, for complex theological reasons, many cosmologists think there should be enough mass to provide the gravity to eventually halt the expansion of the universe. It has been expanding since it was created in a primordial "big bang" explosion of energy some 10 to 20 billion years ago, according to modern cosmological theory. The visible material provides only about 10 percent of the needed mass.

Thus astronomers and cosmologists think as much as 90 per cent of the mass of the universe may consist of the dark matter. But they don't know what that is. Dead stars and other forms of non-luminous ordinary matter wouldn't be plentiful enough to account for it.

But on one point all cosmological experts agree. The universe has far more structure and material in it than anyone imagined a couple of decades ago.

1988, The Christian Science Monitor News Service.



Supercomputer map of galaxy clusters in a portion of the universe centred on Earth. White wedges are areas obscured by Milky Way dust. Black spots show densest parts.

New theory on dinosaur extinction

By Celia Hooper

WASHINGTON, (UPI): The mass extinctions of dinosaurs and other organisms 65 million years ago were the consequence of disturbances triggered deep within the earth, rather than asteroids crashing into earth, a geologist said in an article released recently.

Hallam said the mantle plumes

or microscopic ocean animals and algae, but believes this was caused by acid rain and a sudden change in the chemistry of the ocean.

The acid rain was just one consequence of what Hallam believes caused the massive disturbances on earth that occurred at the end of the Cretaceous period.

Citing magnetic evidence of disturbances at the base of the mantle of earth, Hallam proposes that thermal forces drove "mantle plumes" of heat and molten rock upwards toward the surface of the earth causing volcanoes on a scale that has never been recorded in historic time.

He said the mantle plumes may also have boosted up the tectonic plates on which the continents ride, causing sea levels to drop.

"Sea-level fall would ... have caused seasonal extremes of temperature on the continents to increase, thereby increasing environmental stress on the dinosaurs," Hallam wrote.

The popular hypothesis holds that widespread extinction of species of dinosaurs, plants, microscopic sea life and other creatures was the result of the impact of asteroids striking the earth, or the fires, global dust cloud and climate change that resulted from the disaster.

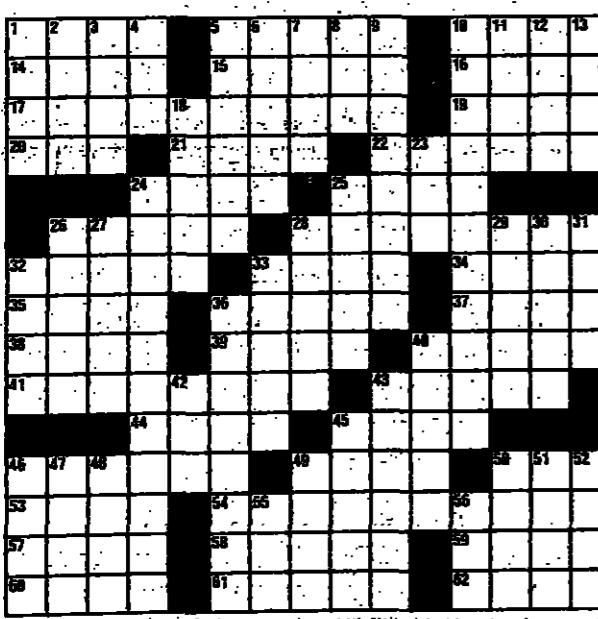
Hallam called the impact hypothesis a "brilliant success" for stimulating "an immense amount of fruitful research" since it was proposed in 1980 by Luis W. Alvarez, his son Walter Alvarez and other geologists at the University of California-Berkeley.

When the impact hypothesis is "judged, however, by which we assess scientific hypotheses, that is of its truth, no decisive resolution has yet been achieved, and there exist legitimate grounds for doubt that it will survive even in a modified form," the English scientist wrote.

Hallam said isotopes or chemically distinctive signatures in the rocks, inconsistencies or other explanations for geologic features and the absence of a big enough crater on earth undermine the impact hypothesis, and said some species extinctions were too gradual or too selective to have been caused by a global dust cloud.

He acknowledges a massive sudden extinction of species of

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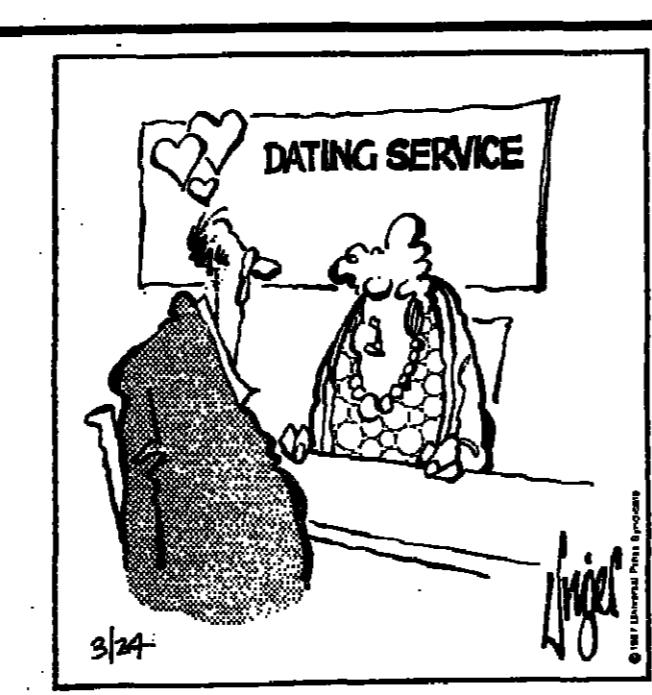
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19 Apartment
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21 Slaughter of baseball
22 Snarl
24 Byway
25 Pluck
26 Hair-raising
28 Dante's beloved
32 Unsavory
33 Foreign film ending
34 Actor Montand
35 Penthouse, perhaps
36 Actress Ira
37 Vexed
38 Fall tumbler
39 Domain
40 Buenos —
41 Hundred percent
43 Rooney and Hardy
44 Straight, at the bar
45 gratis
46 Household concern
49 Foul weather
50 Zodiac sign
53 Buffalo's lake
54 Unyielding
55 Teen follower
58 Nightclub employee
59 Seed envelope
60 Court dividers
61 Symbols of simlessness
62 Early Persian

DOWN
1 Hurt
2 Christmas
3 Ancient Susa's country
4 1812 event
5 Climb, in a way
6 Craft for Hiawatha
7 Individuals
8 —Enterprise
9 Control
10 Rural area
11 Extended
12 Dystuff
13 Goose to a gander
18 Lachrymose
23 River isle
24 Small sponge cakes
25 Magic maker
26 Luster
27 Geri weight
28 —, the Kid
29 Wonder's

Ebony and —
30 First-seen asteroid
31 Ships' courses
32 Holiday highlight
33 San Andreas
34 for one
36 Time out
40 In re
42 Arkara
43 Becomes known
45 Pale
46 Noggin
47 Prompt
48 Regimen
49 Olympic event
50 Wisdom
51 Geraint's beloved
52 Stare
55 Scottish uncle
56 See 50 Across

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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SMIT	MURAL	ASHE
MANUFACTURE	YEN	
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DEGREE	SLATES	
OBESE	SPAT	WAGE
TOT	DIARIES	BEA
SNUB	TSAR	PEELIS
PALESTINE	ERNEST	
CRATER	AMER	
HEN	EAGER	BEAVER
ENDS	TITLE	GIDE
SEGOD	ESTER	ELIA
TWOS	STANS	DEEM



"It's \$500, but that includes a month's supply of breath mints."

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

TEST YOUR PLAY

Both vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH

♦ A J 5 4 2
♦ 2
♦ K Q 7 3
♦ A K J

WEST

♦ 6 3
♦ Q 9 8 5
♦ J 9 8 6
♦ 6 5 3

EAST

♦ 10 9 8
♦ K J 7 3
♦ 10 4
♦ 10 7 4 2

SOUTH

♦ K Q 7
♦ A 10 6 4
♦ A 5 2
♦ Q 9 8

The bidding:

South West North East

1 NT Pass 2 ♠ Pass

2 ♠ Pass 3 ♠ Pass

4 ♠ Pass 5 ♠ Pass

5 ♠ Pass 6 ♠ Pass

Pass Pass 7 ♠ Pass

Opening lead: Three of ♠

two bids showed a spade-diamond two-suiter, possibly with slam interest. South indicated that the diamond bid improved his hand by jumping to game, and that started a cue-bidding sequence to reach the grand slam.

There are only two viable lines. One is to draw two rounds of trumps and then either hope that diamonds are 3-3 or else that the hand with the diamond shortage is also the one that holds only two trumps. The other is to plan a dummy reversal, which depends on a 3-2 trump split and the player with three trumps having at least three hearts. The latter is obviously the better chance.

So win the ace of trumps, cash the ace of hearts and ruff a heart. Now lead a trump to the king. If one defender shows out, you have to draw all the trumps and hope for an even diamond split, or some obscure lie of the cards. When both defenders follow, you can go ahead with the dummy reversal. Ruff another heart on the table, return to hand with the ace of diamonds and ruff your last heart high. Now come to hand with the queen of clubs, draw the last trump with the queen, discarding a diamond from the table, and dummy takes the rest of the tricks.

As an incentive to new readers, *The Bridge World* ran a competition using only the North-South hands of this diagram. Cover up the East-West hands and decide how you would play for your grand slam in spades after a trump lead.

North-South were using a 15-17 point no trump opening bid combined with transfers. North's first

THE WIZARD OF ID

BY BRANT PARKER AND JOHNNY HART



B.C.



YOUR STARS



Aries (March 20 - April 19)

You must not expect things always to be as they have been in the past. You should place more reliance on yourself and less on others. Do not however think of yourself alone. Be observant.



Taurus (April 20 - May 20)

You will be able to do something to further your cultural interests. You will be able to mediate in a quarrel between two of your friends. Think less of work today. Be less in a hurry.



Gemini (May 21 - June 21)

You will find a few more doors open to you, but you must enter them carefully. You should make sure you do not squander your energies. Think a little more of others than of yourself. Be solicitous.



Cancer (June 22 - July 22)

Today a lot will depend on your goodwill and on your ability to control your temper. You will be able to deal with what at first seemed like an insuperable obstacle. You should have the courage of your convictions.



Leo (July 23 - Aug. 22)

You should take your mind off work for the day. Try to stay on good terms with your neighbours. You will tend to be a little on the shy side, a tendency you should seek to combat. Be more objective.



SNIPPETS

Terms set for cronies' immunity

FORMER government officials and businessmen who benefited during Ferdinand Marcos' 20-year reign as president can still be granted immunity and dropped as a defendant in suits pending litigation at the Sandiganbayan.

"So far, there are no exceptions," said commission Quirino Doromal of the Presidential Commission on Good Government (PCGG) during a press briefing yesterday.

But Doromal said the PCGG has set conditions: the crony must fully disclose his association with the deposed strongman, reveal what he did in Marcos' alleged massive embezzlement of public funds, and give back whatever can be returned to the government.

In other words, he said, cronies must give up assets and information, and when necessary, enter into a cash settlement.

Doromal said a crony's case will be treated separately and that the PCGG can act on the requests only on a case-to-case basis.

By J. Esplanada and M. Ronquillo

PRESIDENT Aquino plans to spend nearly half of her proposed P28.9-billion national budget next year to pay off government debts here and abroad.

The President and her Cabinet yesterday came up with a 1989 national budget proposal which is 33 per cent more than this year's P17.5-billion budget.

More than two-fifths (44 per cent) of the proposed budget has been earmarked to pay off the government's foreign and local debts.

Aquino will submit her proposal to Congress at the start of its regular session on July 25. The House and the Senate may either decide to trim or realign the budget after committee hearings and floor deliberations.

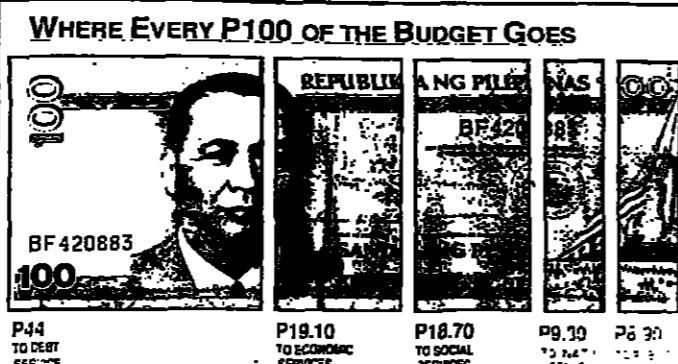
Budget Undersecretary Benjamin Diokno told palace reporters that the proposed budget allocates P100.8 billion (44 per cent) for debt service, P43.6 billion (19.1 per cent) for economic services, P42.9 billion (18.7 per cent) for social services, P21.2 billion (9.3 per cent) for defense, and P20.4 billion (8.9 per cent) for general public services.

Care

Economic Planning Secretary Solita Monsod said that the government expects a P22.9-billion budgetary deficit next year, but added "this will be taken care of by domestic and foreign borrowings."

There were slight discrepan-

1989 budget proposed



cies, however, between the figures Diokno gave palace reporters and Congress leaders.

Earlier, Diokno told the first congressional hearing on the budget that P228.9-billion proposed budget was approved by President Aquino at the Cabinet meeting on the recommendation of the Development Budget Co-ordinating Council, the inter-agency committee which draws up the national budget.

Reacting to the proposal, Senators Alberto Romulo and Vicente Paterno said during the hearing that Congress can still alter the budgetary priorities and trim the huge allocation for debt service.

Romulo and Paterno said that the P97.7-billion budget for debt service represents a P17-billion increase over this year's expen-

ditures for debt repayment.

Of the P97.7 billion, P41.3 billion will be spent to pay off foreign loans, while P56.4 billion will be for local debts.

Paterno said Congress still has enough time to overhaul the budgetary priorities and ease the debt repayment burden.

He proposed that Congress immediately act on Romulo's bill which seeks a cap on debt service.

The bill, endorsed on committee level, wants the foreign debt repayment funds limited to 10 per cent of the country's yearly export earnings.

Should Congress pass the bill, the executive branch should be given one year to implement it, Paterno said. The one year can be spent on a new round of negotiations with creditor banks on the new terms of debt repayment, he

said.

The budget approved by the House is then referred to the Senate which can either adopt the House version or recommend additional realignments.

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Swinging

The scion of one of the country's oldest and most entrenched political families is drifting in the doldrums, spending day after day swinging his golf clubs and taking occasional sideswipes at the government.

The lawyer and former senator, looking younger than his 59 years and wearing a short-sleeved pink shirt and brown

slacks as he comes in off the fairway on a weekday morning, says he rarely sees his boss.

"I see her every now and then on social occasions. I had to sit next to her (at a ceremony) a few weeks ago," said Laurel, born in Manila in November, 1928 into a distinguished family that produced a president, a speaker of congress, provincial governors and an ambassador.

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Vice-President Salvador Laurel finds himself in political limbo after falling out with Aquino.

Outside the kulambo

By Kathleen Callo

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It was a fingerhold on power

which lasted only a few hours — Aquino abolished the constitution

to rule by decree until a new charter was established. As foreign affairs minister he became an increasingly isolated figure within his cabinet, finally resigning last September citing differences over how to deal with the communist guerrilla war, now in its 19th year.

Many say he quit before he was fired. Laurel says he was made a "spare tire."

Sitting in a study lined with law

books, he shows visitors photographs of better days.

Images of a determined young politician with his good friend Benigno Aquino, then leading a challenge to Marcos' rule that was to end in his assassination in 1983 and lead his widow Corazon to the presidency.

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More phones

by 1994, anyone in the Philippines will be able to reach in other parts of the country people they want to talk to," he said.

He also revealed that in line with the department's Regional Telephone Development Programme, work will start soon in Regions 3, 4 and 5 where new lines are to be set up. Last year, RTDP-Phase 1 was finished after more than 20,000 telephone lines were installed for Regions 1 and 2.

ally Cape broke the psychological 10-point barrier, despite Tahil fouling out along the way.

Then with an inspired breakthrough from Cuaresma, the scores stood at 96:90 with two minutes to go. The crowd seemed convinced that Cape now had the momentum to carry them past the leaders, but the Arabet coach very wisely called a time out. Subsequently Perez scored off two free throws, to edge Arabet a little further ahead.

Cape were desperate. Nabong intercepted a pass from Bustria, who knocked it into the air — by the time it came down, Nabong had dashed round him and caught it. He was fouled, and scored one point off a free throw, but time was now beginning to run scarce.

The Arabet players were also getting reckless, and Perez committed a very silly and visible foul, which fortunately for the score, the Cape player failed to convert into points.

Throws

However, as if to stone for this, the next basket was Perez. As always Valencia proved a very stable and capable player, and scored some good baskets.

Even so, Arabet never did manage to lengthen their lead, as Cape, once again led by Nabong, who was now on form and playing some competent and at times

inspired shots, began to fight back. With five minutes left to play the score stood at 85:70, but then a series of apparently unnecessary fouls pushed the score gradually onwards.

Principal scorers for Arabet were Valencia with 21, Bustria with 16, and Domingo with 14.

Principal scorers for Cape were Nabong with 39, Cuaresma with 17, points, and Tahil with 9.

Darts, table tennis and chess matches were also held at the Kefan stadium.

Otherwise occupied



said. The book is being written in collaboration with Jack Cox, head of the Jack Cox Productions in Abilene, Texas.

During the interview, Imelda disclosed that her daughter Imee Manalo, already a mother of two, was two months pregnant. She reportedly lives in Morocco.

Marcos had called in reporters to deny allegations he and his wife had used millions of dollars in Philippine government funds to buy US property, art and jewellery and had schemed to conceal their ownership and to evade taxes.

"I was so desperate when I heard from my lawyers that I might be indicted in the United States on these charges, I could not sleep," the 70-year-old Marcos said. "I was desperate because I had thought all of this

was over."

"I am due to go to hospital so doctors can seek the cause of my pain," he said.

US prosecutors in New York are reported to have reached the final stages of their investigation into the alleged fraud and are said to have discussed with senior justice department officials whether Marcos and his wife should be indicted.

Marcos and members of his family went into exile in Honolulu on Feb 26, 1986, at the urging of the US government, which promised them a safe haven, when he was succeeded by President Aquino.

He and family members were later accused by the Aquino government of acquiring more than \$2 billion by racketeering, fraud and extortion.

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lines would be added to the present network. He admitted that a lot has to be done to improve the telephone system in order to attract foreign investors who have previously complained about the communications facilities in the country.

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It was the bold prediction by Transportation and Communications Secretary Rainerio Reyes

SPECTRUM

By Nathaniel Harris

THE sixties brought remarkable changes in politics, in ways of living, even in beliefs. The gradual improvement in relations between the U.S.A. and Russia made it seem that a world-destroying nuclear war might yet be avoided. Both "superpowers" were less confident than in the fifties. Russia had quarrelled bitterly with her ally China, and found it hard to keep the leadership of the Communist world. In turn, the US became demoralised by its long, painful struggle in Vietnam.

Europe prospered, though still divided between East and West. Her exiles swelled the ranks of the "Third World", most of them lagging badly behind the wealthy industrial nations. Ironically, high production itself created a problem, because of the damaging effects of industrial waste.

In the West, a "youth revolution" took place in dress, music and values, and accepted ideas about sex, politics and religion were challenged. Young people also took a leading part in the political unrest that swept over much of the world.

Unrest often led to violence. In fact the growth of violence was a disturbing feature of the sixties; even traditionally peaceful societies suffered from the effects of crime, riots, civil wars or military take-overs.

Against this background, the landing of men on the Moon — possibly a turning point in history — was a heartening confirmation that man could still achieve miracles of cooperative effort.

Teenagers now had a good deal of money to spend, and so manufacturers began to make records, clothes and other goods especially for them.

Affluence encouraged greater independence, and so did "permissiveness". Instead of copying older people, the young developed their own "culture", centred on various forms of pop music. The old adult standards — of quiet, neat dressing and restrained behaviour — gave way to a taste for extravagance and colour.

For much of the sixties Britain seemed the most "swinging" of all countries. The Beatles and other British groups dominated pop music, and cheap, imaginative and colourful British clothes were copied throughout the West.

At this time, the Swinging Sixties seemed mainly about fun and freedom. The hippies of the later sixties were a sign of a new mood. They rejected society's values and believed in "dropping out" — refusing to take part in the "rat race" for jobs and money. And from this a whole "Underground" or "counter-culture" developed.

Only a minority did drop out, and for many people the "counter-culture" was a fashion rather than something they believed in deeply. But through thousands of "part-time" hippies the underground had a wide influence.

Confidence in the programme of "peace and love" tended to wane, especially in America, during the long campaign against the Vietnam war. Militant political action turned many young people to the New Left — a far cry from the carefree atmosphere of the early "Swinging Sixties".

FASHION had always been controlled by the great Parisian designers. Their elaborate, luxurious clothes were intended for wealthy customers, but were copied all over the West in cheaper materials; other



Vietnam: a boy cries over his dead sister, the victim of a US flyer's mistake.

The Sixties

Clothes for ordinary people were simply basic, unstylish "ready-mades."

In the sixties, all this changed. Young, unknown designers began to make clothes for the young and not-so-wealthy. Their emphasis on gaiety, colour and sex-appeal matched the mood of the sixties, and little shops called boutiques sprang up everywhere, selling cheap, adventurously designed clothes — for men as well as for women.

Many of the new designers were British, and Mary Quant, Ossie Clark and others soon became internationally known. Ventures which began in cheap rooms in Carnaby Street, London, became important companies, and the new styles began to be mass-produced for ready-to-wear clothing.

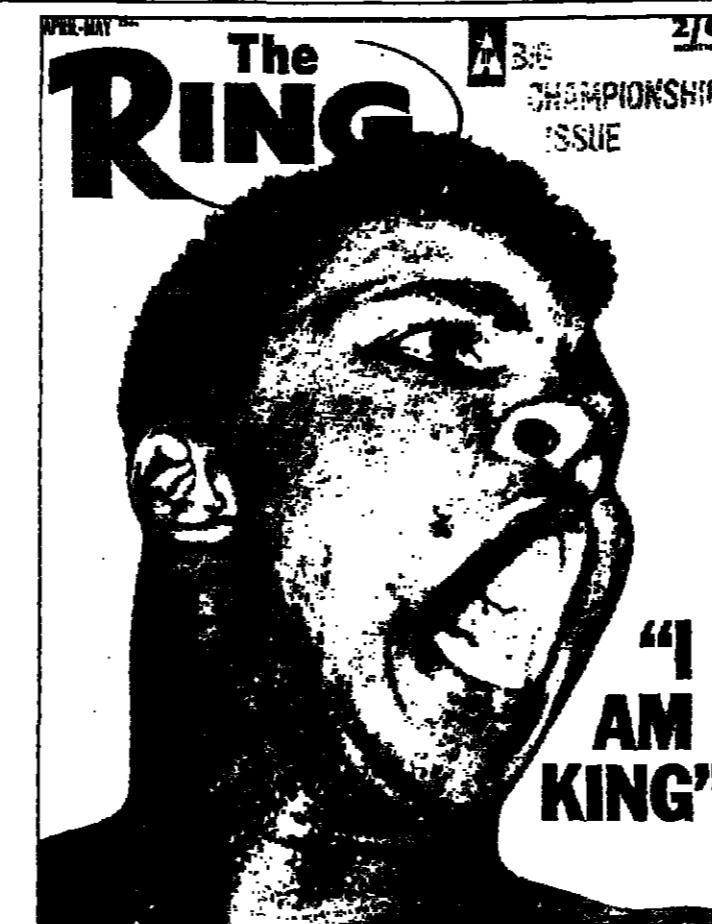
With the mini-skirt, showing several inches of thigh above the knee, the dress revolution was in full-swing. Later styles ranged from the full-length "maxi-skirt" to various "miniskirts" which could be worn by male and female alike.

The keynote of all these styles was informality. This tendency reached a climax in the hippie style popular in the late sixties among young people. Though there were "fashions", there had never been such a display of originality and variety in dress.

Scientific training methods and better facilities helped sportsmen to achieve peak fitness. Records were broken regularly, greatly adding to the spectator appeal of most sports.

Sport became increasingly professional. Amateurs were no longer able to compete with full-time players trained by modern methods. One casualty was cricket's annual Gentlemen versus Players match i.e. amateurs versus professionals which had to be abandoned.

For the gifted player, the lure of high money rewards made turning professional irresistibly attractive. Significantly, the dominance of professionals in tennis led to a decline in the prestige of the famous Wimbledon tournament until it was thrown open to professionals in



Cassius Clay, the world heavyweight boxing champion, changed his name to Muhammad Ali after being converted to the Black Muslim sect.



'Flower people' or hippies at a pop concert.

1968. Even where professionalism was forbidden, it existed in concealed form.

The sporting heroes of the sixties were generally in their teens or early twenties. Standards were so high that players rarely lasted long after their absolute physical peak was past. Sporting careers therefore tended to be shorter, and even more fiercely competitive.

While they were at the top, sportsmen were on TV and in newspapers all the time. A boxer like Muhammad Ali, a footballer like George Best, was constantly followed, photographed and quoted and had his private life investigated and reported.

The growing popularity of television helped to make sportsmen into national or even international idols. Inevitably, it popularised sports that televised well-above all football, firmly established as the international sport.

In 1954 Vietnam was divided into a communist North and a non-communist South. communist guerillas, the Viet Cong, became active in the South from 1960; they received aid from North Vietnam while the United States supplied South Vietnam with equipment and US advisers.

The successes of the Viet Cong, now helped by regular Army units from North Vietnam, made the US take a tougher line. The US armed forces were sent to Vietnam, theoretically still as "advisers" but in reality to fight. And beginning in 1964, US President Johnson ordered heavy bombing of the North.

Over half a million American soldiers eventually fought in Vietnam, but they could never pin down and destroy the Viet Cong. And though North Vietnam was bombed mercilessly, the communists would not weaken.

The cost of the war in money and lives worried Americans more and more. Then, in January 1968, the communists launched the great Tet offensive. It was beaten off, but it showed a US victory was not in sight.

Society itself was being transformed by computers, electronic machines designed to store and sort information, "think" and "calculate" at fantastic speeds. This was one of many forms of automation the replacement of human work by machines, whether for dishwashing or predicting weather.

Some people saw computers and automation as keys to Utopia, an ideal society of abundant goods and leisure.

Others feared that individuals would become powerless in a machine-run world. And there were still others who pointed out that technology was not improving but ruining life and the whole planet.

The problem came back to man himself. Every advance in his power over nature gave him new weapons with which to make the good life or destroy himself. At the end of the sixties it was still not clear which would choose.

The main new visual style was Pop Art. This took its subjects from modern city life, and especially the "media" — films and magazines, T.V. serials, advertisements and comics. Usually Pop artists showed popular images in a different framework or material — the U.S. flag as a painting on canvas, Coca-Cola tins cast in bronze.

Modern technology could be harnessed to serve art. Machines produced brilliant, ever-changing electronic patterns. Sculptures became "kinetic" or moveable — instead of remaining still. And electronic sounds were widely used in place of traditional instruments for musical compositions.

Many experiments challenged accepted ideas about art.

The last straw was the news



White domination in Rhodesia: a cartoonist's view of Prime Minister Ian Smith and his white supporters. Rather than accept African majority rule, Smith declared Rhodesia independent, defying British and world pressure.

ARAB TIMES MONTHLY

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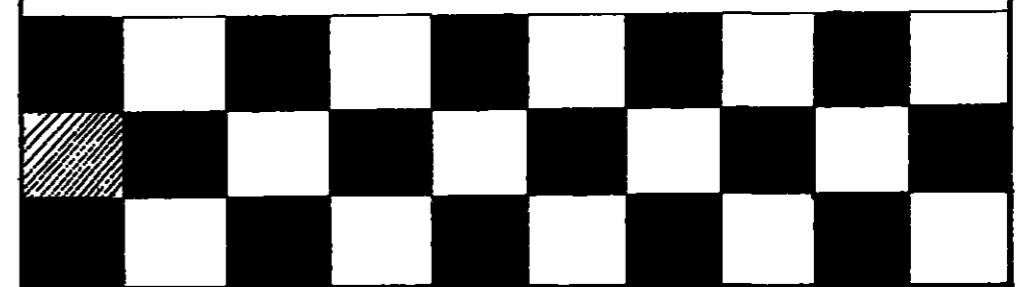
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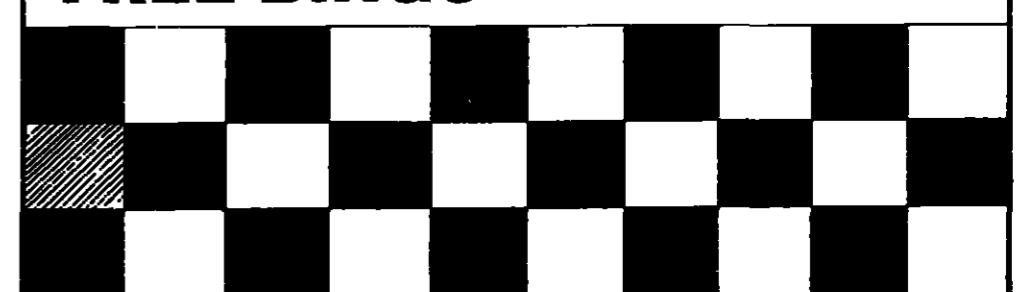
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BUSINESS & FINANCE

Abu Dhabi's industrial production up

DUBAI, July 2. (OPECNA): Abu Dhabi's 1987 industrial production has been estimated at over \$288 million, as against 178 million in 1977.

A report published here by the UAE Industrial Bank said the 1977-87 period witnessed a rise in the number of industrial installations in Abu Dhabi. Their number in 1987 was 146 compared with 125 in 1977. Over the same period, industrial personnel increased from 5,407 to 6,477.

The study noted that the capital base of Abu Dhabi's light industries doubled over the period, reaching \$326.90 million last year against 138.38 million in 1977, while investment rose to \$61.15 million from 172.16 million in 1977.

The study added that Abu Dhabi had made dramatic improvements during the period and brought new petrochemical and gas liquefaction industries onstream, apart from such non-oil enterprises as machinery, textiles and food.

Egypt cuts sharply oil export prices

CAIRO, July 2. (AP): Egypt yesterday sharply decreased its oil export prices by up to \$1.85 a barrel for the first half of July, a senior Oil Ministry official said.

Hammam Ayoub, head of the Oil Ministry's Foreign Trade Department, told reporters the top-grade Gulf of Suez had been decreased by \$1.60 to \$12.75 a barrel.

He said Belayim had been decreased \$1.60 a barrel to \$11.90. Ras Badran was decreased by \$1.85 to \$10.75 a barrel and Ras Ghareb was decreased by \$1.45 to \$10.45 a barrel.

He said the sharp decreases were effective from July 1. He declined to comment on the drop.

Kuwait awards tender to Siemens

THE giant West German Siemens company on Wednesday won a KD 15-million tender for the construction of three high-voltage power plants in Kuwait, an official statement said.

The contract, which provides for installing the three plants in 24 months, was signed by Minister of Electricity and Water Hmoud Al Rqobah.

A large number of Western and Asian companies had been competing for the tender, ministry sources said.

China abandons stability in favour of rapid economic growth: economists

BEIJING, July 2. (Reuter): China has abandoned stability in favour of rapid economic growth to generate the wealth to pay for potentially dangerous reforms, Western and Chinese economists believe.

Warn

But they warn that faster growth could worsen already severe shortages of energy, transport and raw materials.

China's industrial output in the first five months leaped ahead by 17.1 per cent over the same period last year, double the planned amount.

Inflation reached 11 per cent in the first quarter and is likely to hit 20 per cent for all of 1988.

Mexico and Norway call for discipline

MEXICO CITY, July 2. (Reuter): The energy ministers of Mexico and Norway urged oil exporters to respect agreements aimed at stabilising the world market and expressed concern at possible price trends in the third quarter of 1988.

Speaking after a working session here yesterday, Norway's Energy and Natural Resources Minister Arne Oeien said discipline on export volumes was essential.

He said Norway would continue to apply its decision to keep production 7.5 per cent below capacity for the rest of the year.

Mexico's Energy Minister Fernando Hiriat said Mexico would maintain voluntary restrictions on exports, which would not exceed 1.35 million barrels per day.

Oeien arrived on Wednesday night for a two-day visit to discuss international oil trends and co-operation between oil producers who are not members of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries.

Drought watch continues on Wall Street

Cheaper oil a tonic for inflation fears

NEW YORK, July 2. (AP): Wall Street's inflation-watchers are counting on cheaper oil to take the sting out of rising US food prices in the months ahead.

World oil prices have fallen sharply of late amid signs that oil-exporting countries are producing faster than market demand can absorb.

West Texas intermediate crude oil, widely used as an overall gauge of the trend in oil prices, dropped below \$15 a barrel yesterday to its lowest level since 1986.

Encouraged

That news, together with some rainfall at last in the parched farm belt, has encouraged talk in the financial markets that inflation might not be as bad as had been feared in the second half of 1988.

One of the most reliable barometers of inflationary expectations, the yield on 30-year treasury bonds, has fallen

from a peak of nearly 9.5 per cent several weeks ago to less than nine per cent in recent days.

The drought watch continues on Wall Street, of course, even as it does in the areas of the country that suffer most directly from the lack of moisture.

While the current weather

forecast shows rain in the Midwest this past week, traders in the futures and financial markets switched their attention to forecasts suggesting more unusually dry conditions in the next few weeks.

Serve

However, they add, "the drought will indeed increase the prices of many foods but have limited impact on inflation. Food and beverages account for less than 18 per cent of the consumer price index."

Furthermore, they add, rising food prices actually can serve to depress prices of many non-food items.

"As food prices accelerate this year, non-food stores, especially those competing for consumers'

discretionary income, will lose some sales. Price-cutting will be more frequent.

"This deflationary effect will substantially reduce the overall impact of the drought on the CPI to about half a per cent."

Despite such assurances, the stock market's early-summer rally bogged down in the past week. The Dow Jones average of 30 industrials slipped 11.38 to 2,131.58, ending a five-week winning streak.

New York Stock Exchange Composite Index

dropped 0.88 to 153.68; the Nasdaq Composite Index for the over-the-counter market rose 3.08 to 394.70, and the American Stock Exchange Market Value index was up 0.51 at 309.00.

Averaged

Volume on the Big Board averaged 208.42 million shares a day, against 170.99 million the week before.

Like the drought, the decline

in the price of oil is cause for serious concern in some already beleaguered areas of the country.

But unlike the dry weather, cheaper oil can be seen as a distinct plus for such broad economic forces as nationwide consumer spending.

"This recent drop in oil prices reminds us of the drop back in early 1986 when the Dow Jones Industrials were rallying and had moved above 1,700," said Jay Donnarumma, an analyst at First Albany Corp. in Albany, New York.

Correction

"At the time no one liked the rally and everyone was looking for a correction. We get the same feeling now."

"Can the rally in stocks, bonds and the dollar all be related to the drop in crude oil prices? Probably not entirely — but for our money, watching the price of oil is better than watching the stars."

World Business Summary

Penalties for breach of coffee export rules

LONDON, July 2. (AP): The International Coffee Organisation decided yesterday to penalise coffee exporters who break its rules. Countries that cannot prove within 10 days that coffee sold to nations outside the organisation has arrived at its stated destination face a cut in their export quotas, delegates said at the end of a two-day meeting of the executive board. The total cut would correspond to the amount of coffee sold and not exceed 18,000 bags, they said. One bag equals 132 pounds (60 kilos). The annual global export quota is 54.5 million bags. Only a handful of countries have failed to provide the organisation with the necessary proof of arrival, delegates said, with Paraguay accounting for 13,000 of the bags involved. The rule is part of the organisation's system of controlling exports to members outside its 74 nations. Non-members include the Soviet Union and its allies. The rule was introduced in 1983 to stop exporters from ostensibly selling coffee to non-members, who then illegally diverted it to member countries. Exports to members of the coffee organisation is controlled by an export quota system which aims to keep the world price stable within internationally agreed limits. The board also looked at a rule outlawing the sale of coffee at cheaper prices to non-members than to members, but found no firm evidence of abuses warranting the imposition of penalties, delegates said.

Norway curbs great hopes for oil in Barents Sea

OSLO, July 2. (Reuter): Hopes that the strategically-important Barents Sea contains some of the world's last great untapped oil reserves are fading. Norway's government-funded oil directorate said on Thursday it had cut its forecasts for estimated oil reserves in the huge sea by two-thirds, after several years of fruitless exploratory drilling by oil companies. "Based on the drilling experiences, we have reduced our expectations to 0.5 billion tonnes oil equivalent (3.5 billion barrels of oil) from 1.5 billion tonnes (10.5 billion)," oil directorate spokesman Jan Hagland told Reuter. Geologists have said that the Barents Sea, off the northern coasts of Norway and the Soviet Union and covered by ice for much of the year, could contain some of the world's last great untapped petroleum reserves. "There is much that now indicates that the Barents is chiefly an area for gas," Hagland said. Exploratory drilling began in the Norwegian sector of the Barents in 1981, but so far only gas has been found. "The revision means that we still hope to make large oil finds, but that we have nevertheless curbed initial optimism," Hagland said. Norway, Western Europe's biggest oil producer, after Britain, pumps around one million barrels per day (bpd) from its fields on the southern part of its continental shelf.

EEC forecasts improvement in 1988 economic growth

BRUSSELS, July 2. (AP): The European Economic Community on Thursday issued an improved forecast for its 1988 economic growth of 2.6 per cent after the expected recession following last October's stock market crash did not materialise. The 2.6 per cent growth was expected to drop slightly in 1989 to 2.3 per cent due largely to a slowdown in the EEC's most dynamic economies — Spain, Italy, Portugal and Britain. Growth in the eight other member states would likely stabilise at an average two per cent. The EEC Commission said levels of employment would continue increasing by about 0.8 per cent annually. But "total" employment levels were expected to remain high throughout the 12-nation trade bloc at 11.3 per cent in 1988 and 11.1 per cent in 1989. Demand within the trade bloc would fuel growth with investment growing by 4.8 per cent in 1988 and four per cent in 1989. The Commission said that despite "modest" rises in wage levels, private spending would rise by 3.3 per cent in 1988 and 2.7 per cent in 1989, fuelled by tax cuts in some countries and by a drop in savings' rates. The EEC's policy-making body added that inflation rates would converge to an "historic" low of just over three per cent. It forecast that only Greece would have a high inflation rate of about 15 per cent. The Community's balance of payments surplus would continue to fall to reach 0.6 per cent of GNP in 1988 and 0.3 per cent in 1989.

Unemployment drops to three-year low

Japanese economy advancing on all fronts

TOKYO, July 2. (Reuter): Japan unveiled a string of economic indicators yesterday that showed May to have been one of the best months ever. Unemployment was at a three-year low, inflation was minuscule and the trade surplus grew smaller.

And it still had enough money left over in the month to help out the Reagan administration by sharply increasing its purchases of US bonds.

The government said yesterday that Japan's current account surplus, the broadest measure of trade, fell to \$5.79 billion in May from \$1.12 billion in April.

Economists said the May figure was further evidence that Tokyo was playing its part in helping to right the world's lopsided trading patterns.

bonds to their portfolios last month. Dealers said that most of that money went into US debt.

The May figure was the second highest ever and was well above April's investment of \$8 billion. By piling money into US debt, Japanese investors helped push US interest rates lower in May.

Dealers said Japanese investors had again stepped up purchases of US bonds in recent weeks, helping to propel the dollar to a seven-month high.

Obligated

For most of the past three years, Washington has been pressing for a weaker dollar to give its businessmen a competitive edge on world markets and help reduce its huge trade surplus.

But now, with its exports

booming, Washington has made clear that it would not be adverse to a stronger dollar to help cool off inflation in the United States.

Japan has obliged by not selling dollars in the foreign-exchange market, even though the stronger dollar will push up inflation here.

Economists said Japan might feel that it could risk a stronger dollar because inflation here was low.

"The internal pressure for inflation is a lot weaker now than it was four months ago," said Kenneth Courtis, senior economist with DB Capital Markets (Asia) in Tokyo.

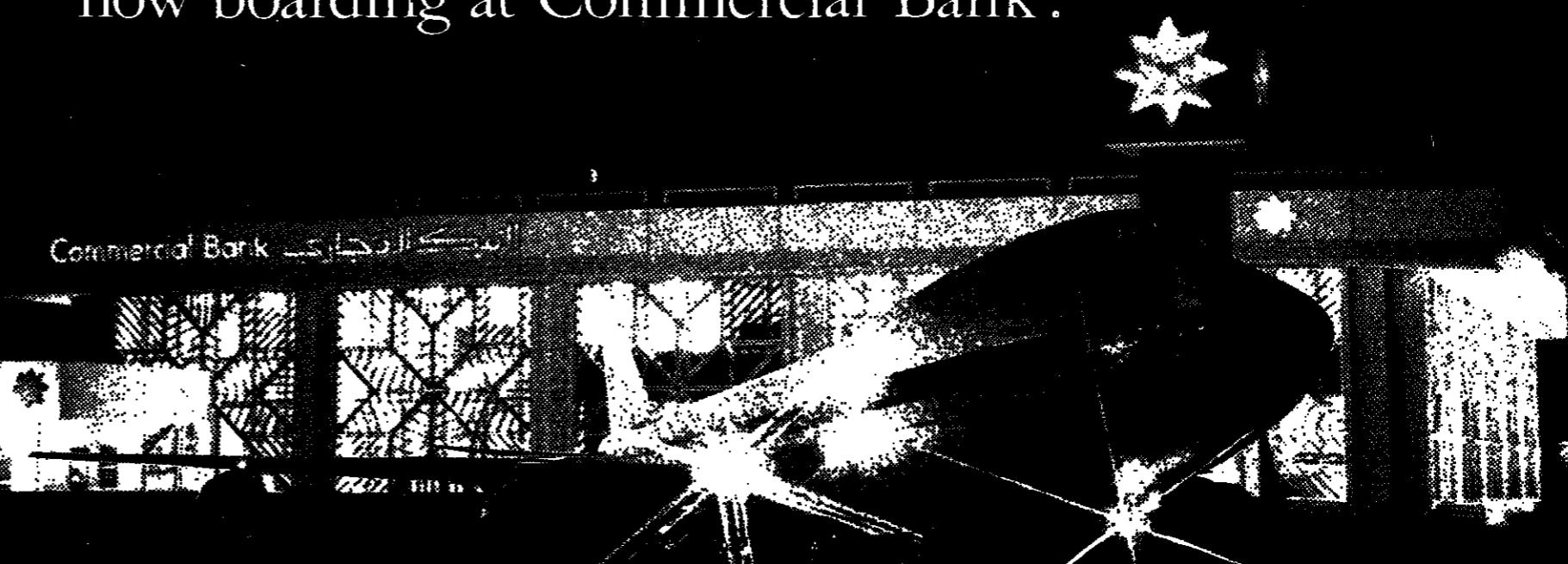
The chief exception was agriculture, which registered a drop of 50,000 jobs during the month, the agency said.

Cyprus Airways profits higher

NICOSIA, July 2. (Reuter): Cyprus Airways, the country's national carrier, today reported sharply higher net profits for 1987 of 3.8 million Cyprus pounds (\$8 million), compared to 2.1 million pounds (\$4.4 million) in 1986.

Gross revenue was 72.8 million pounds (\$153 million) against 60.8 million (\$128 million) the previous year, a statement said. The airline is jointly owned by the government and business interests in Cyprus.

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Banks nearly finish implementing settlement scheme

Kuwait gets tough with recalcitrant debtors

KUWAIT threatened court action yesterday against debtors who have defaulted on their loans from local banks and not co-operated with a Central Bank-sponsored rescheduling scheme.

Scheme

Central Bank Governor Sheikh Salem Abdulaziz Al Sabah told the Kuwait News Agency (KUNA) banks had nearly finished implementing a scheme launched in August 1986 to settle more than KD2 billion of bad debt.

The debt, nearly half the total outstanding credit to the private sector, accumulated after the

1982 crash of the Souk Al Manakh (stock market) and the recession caused by falling oil revenue.

Wiped out

The bad loans wiped out the profits of some Kuwaiti commercial banks in 1985, although profits have since staged a modest recovery largely due to the Central Bank scheme.

Sheikh Salem said banks as of June 30 had prepared settlements for all but 22 debtors with debts totalling KD30 million.

He said 98% rescheduling agreements had been finalised by the Justice Ministry out of a total of 1,080 submitted to debtors.

But he said debtors who had not yet fulfilled obligations under the scheme would be given two weeks to do so or face possible court action.

Instructions

"The Central Bank will soon issue instructions to local banks to immediately send registered letters to recalcitrant clients," Sheikh Salem said.

The debtors would be required "to complete statements on their financial positions or present observations on their debt settlement proposals or proceed to the Justice Ministry at the specified time to present the

documents and statements required within two weeks of the letter," he said.

Failing that, they would lose the exemption from interest payments granted to debtors covered by the scheme, designed to reschedule debt over 10 to 15 years.

Interest

"The interest will be recalculated from the date of its suspension to the date of the settlement validation, or a court case will be brought against these clients to demand they settle their debts with interest until the date of the court judgement," Sheikh

Salem said.

He said it appeared some debtors were trying to delay compliance to make maximum profit from the grace on interest.

Bankers have widely credited the settlement scheme with restoring local and international confidence in the Kuwaiti banking sector after the Souk Al Manakh crash.

Deposits

Most of the country's six commercial banks receive generous low-interest deposits from the Central Bank to enable them to meet provision requirements for non-performing loans.

KD deposit rates steady in quiet trade

KUWAITI dinar deposit rates mostly clung to Thursday levels in quiet trade yesterday with the market liquid after a wave of dollar selling last week.

The Central Bank announced a KD70 million three-month Treasury bill issue for Wednesday, the first in the 1986-87 fiscal year that began on Friday.

Bankers said they expected the Central Bank to continue to roll over outstanding bill issues, which now total KD770 million, to help cover a projected budget deficit of KDI.55 billion.

Overnight funds were well offered at one per cent, while tomorrow-next traded at two per cent.

One-week funds were quoted at 6-1/2, 5-1/2 per cent, but deposits maturing on July 6 dealt at seven per cent as banks sought to cover bill purchases.

The fixed periods were close to Thursday levels at a uniform 6-5/8, 5-3/8 per cent for one through 12-month maturities.

The Central Bank adjusted its dinar exchange rate softer to 0.2817/82 to the dollar, while commercial banks quoted spot rates of around 0.2817/77/87.

Meanwhile, in Bahrain, Saudi riyal interbank deposit rates were mostly stable in quiet trade yesterday with no sign of a third Saudi government bond offering.

Some dealers had expected the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency (SAMA) might offer 1.5 billion riyals (\$400 million) of development bonds, but there was no sign of an invitation tele and the market now generally expects the issue to go ahead on July 9.

The Saudi government's bonds programme continues to be the focus of attention in the riyal market, with banks adjusting liquidity positions when offerings are made known.

Little activity was reported in deposits, but there was some trade in the spot riyal, which due to technical reasons ahead of a US bank holiday on Monday fell to 3.7510/15 to the dollar. On Thursday it was quoted at 3.7502/06.

One-month deposits were little changed from Thursday at eight, 7-13/16 per cent, but three-months eased 1/16 point to 8-1/16, 7-15/16 per cent.

Both six-months and one-year were little changed at 8-1/4, 1/16 per cent and 8-1/12, 3/8 per cent, respectively. Spot-next fell to eight, 7-1/2 from 8-1/4, 7-7/8 per cent.

Uganda devalues currency

KAMPALA, July 2, (AP): Uganda yesterday announced a sharp devaluation of the local currency, increased prices of fuel and consumer goods and higher taxes in a budget designed to curb galloping inflation.

Finance Minister Crispus Kiyonga, in a budget speech to the governing National Resistance Council and foreign diplomats, announced the exchange rate of the local shilling would drop from 60 against the US dollar to 120.

He said also that petroleum products would, as a result, be more than doubled.

Similar increases were ordered for a range of items including cigarettes, soft drinks, beer and sugar.

But in a bid to boost agriculture, mainstay of the East African nation's economy, the minister announced more than 100 per cent increases in the producer prices of crops like coffee, cocoa, tea and soyabeans.

Kiyonga said one aim of the budget was to trim the foreign debt of \$1.2 billion.

President Yoweri Museveni, commenting on the new measures, told the Council, "if you have a father who dies you have to pay for the debts and loans that he had acquired."

He said he regretted having to devalue, describing the measure as a bad medicine imposed on Uganda because of its economic shortcomings.

US oil prices fall to 19-month low

Tokyo stocks continue weaker trend

TOKYO, July 2, (Reuter): Tokyo stocks continued their weaker trend today on jitters about the dollar and interest rates after the Bank of Japan let key market rates rise for the second time this week.

In half-day trading, the Nikkei index closed down 141.01 points, or 0.5 percent, at 27,365.52, after dropping a sharp 265.87 yesterday.

Volume

Losers led winners 1.7 to one in volume of 900 million shares, against 2.62 billion yesterday.

Steelmakers, shipbuilders, shipping lines, securities houses, electric power companies, banks, drug makers and oil refiners continued lower, while hi-tech related shares gained, brokers said.

The central bank had earlier allowed two- and three-month commercial bill discount rates to rise 1/16th percentage point each, in a move seen as helping prop up the yen after its recent slump against the dollar on foreign exchange markets.

The increases in interest rates also follow jumps in key British and West German interest rates

aimed at supporting the pound and mark against the dollar.

Two-month commercial bills now yield four percent and three-month bills 4.0625 per cent. Three-month bill rates were allowed to climb an identical 1/16 point on Tuesday.

Money market dealers said the rates also reflect an expected seasonal money shortage at the end of September, when most Japanese companies close their books for the financial mid-year.

Gold bullion was trading at around \$437.60/438.10 an ounce in Hong Kong, slightly firmer than its New York close of \$437.20.

Gained

In New York, oil prices fell to their lowest level in 19 months yesterday, pushed down by signs of over-production by OPEC, while the dollar gained against other major currencies despite intervention by West Germany.

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value next week.

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The dollar closed at 1.8205 West German marks, up from its Thursday close of 1.8140. It also rose to 134.45 Japanese yen, after hitting a 1988-high of 134.75 yen in light afternoon trading. The dollar closed on Thursday at 133.00 yen.

Pressured

On Wednesday, an already weak market was pressured further by a report from Mideast sources that the UAE authorised Abu Dhabi — the emirate with the highest output — to increase its July production to 1.1 million barrels per day, a rise of 200,000 barrels putting UAE output well above its OPEC quota.

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Lower

On Wall Street, prices drifted to a lower close as investors wound down their business ahead of the fourth of July holiday weekend. The Dow Jones Industrial Average finished 10.13 points lower at 2,131.38. For the week the Dow Jones industrial average declined 11.38 points.

Meanwhile, US bond prices were higher, supported by the rising dollar. The key 30-year bond closed up 6/32 at 103. That put the yield 8.84 per cent, down 8.85 per cent.

Alshall stock price indices

Trading volume of Kuwaiti shares surges

ALSHALL index for Kuwaiti shareholding companies recorded, on Wednesday, an average of 40.53 points with a decrease of 0.15 points over last week's average.

Alshall index for Gulf shareholding companies reached 48.28 points with an increase of 0.28 point for the same period.

The trading volume for Kuwaiti shares reached 154.15 million shares at a daily average of 30.83 million shares with an increase of 19.5 per cent over the previous week's daily average of 25.79. Gulf traded shares reached 62.26 million shares at a daily average of 12.45 million shares with an increase of 46.6 per cent over last week's daily average of 8.49 million shares.

Value

The value of Kuwaiti traded shares was KD47.493 million at a daily average of KD9.49 million, an increase of 15 per cent over last week's daily average of KD8.24 million. The value of Gulf traded shares was KD5.278 million at a daily average of KD1.056 million, an increase of 70 per cent over last week's daily average of KD0.622 million.

The performance of the two markets remains active for the second week in a row with an increase in trading volume and KD amounts but stock prices have remained stagnant. The issue of the intention of banks to repurchase 10 per cent of their outstanding shares, along with authorisation of more companies to do the same, provided the justification for the market's activity.

This was further enhanced by allocation of funds by a few companies and banks to carry their share repurchase plan.

Active

The Kuwaiti Bank Sector remains the most active in terms of volume with 63 per cent of total traded volume. Among this sector, The Commercial Bank had 26 per cent, Burgan Bank 24 per cent, The Gulf Bank 22 per cent.

The second most active was the Services Sector with 15.8 per cent of total traded volume, among this sector Kuwait Commercial Markets came in the lead with 60 per cent, Mobile Telephone System 20 per cent and Public Warehousing with 12 per cent.

The third most active was the Financial System with 12.5 per cent of total traded volume, among this sector Investment Pearl of Kuwait came first with 46 per cent, then Kuwait International Investment Co. with 35 per cent and Kuwait Investment Co. with 8 per cent.

For Gulf shares the Financial Sector had the lead with 91 per cent of total traded volume with Coast Investment and Development Company having the majority of total Gulf traded shares of 71 per cent, then Bahrain International Bank with 10 per cent and Arabian General Investment (Shuaa) with eight per cent.

We still believe that any strategy which depends on activating the market in the short term to boost stock prices is not successful and will not withstand the long term set back in prices.

Kuwait shareholding companies Index

Wednesday Wednesday Change
29/06/88 22/06/88 points

Banking Sector

Kuwait National Bank 90.29 92.32 -2.03
The Gulf Bank 33.56 33.15 0.41
The Commercial Bank 27.44 27.87 -0.44
Al Ahli Bank 36.04 36.04 —
Bank of Kuwait & M. East 33.77 33.33 0.44
Kuwait R. Estate Bank 34.92 36.51 -1.59
Burgan Bank 30.23 29.73 0.50
Kuwait Finance House 71.05 70.30 0.76

44.76 45.10 -0.34

Investment Sector

Kuwait Investment Co. 33.42 32.69 0.73
Kuwait Int. Inv. Co. 31.27 28.87 2.41
Inv. Pearl Kuwait 85.71 85.71 —
IFA 76.47 77.94 -1.47
Commercial Facilities 111.25 113.75 -2.50
Sector Index 43.09 42.24 0.85

Insurance Sector

Kuwait Insurance Co. 36.97 37.51 -0.54
Gulf Insurance Co. 25.38 25.38 —
Al Ahlia Insurance Co. 48.63 49.51 -0.88
Warba Insurance Co. 76.46 79.04 -2.58
Sector Index 37.95 38.52 -0.57

Real Estate Sector

Kuwait Real Estate 29.31 28.80 0.51
United Realty 12.73 12.73 —
National Real Estate 43.40 43.00 0.40
Sector Index 22.07 21.87 0.21

Industrial Sector

Kuwait Cement Co. 16.36 16.36 —
Refrigeration Indust. 84.69 83.65 1.05
Gulf Cables 106.96 107.99 -1.03
Kuwait Pharmaceutical 90.67 97.78 -7.11
Mobile Telephone Syst. 380.95 380.95 —
Sector Index 70.96 70.58 0.38

Food Sector

Livestock Trad. & Transp. 46.38 45.57 0.81
United Fisheries 11.05 11.05 —
Kuwait United Poultry 83.61 83.61 —
Kuwait Food Co. 66.67 68.97 -2.30
Sector Index 41.75 41.84 -0.09

Services Sector

Kuwait Computer Co. 200.88 203.04 -2.16
Kuwait Cinema Co. 9.04 9.04 —
Public Warehousing Co. 91.92 89.90 2.02
Kuwait Comm. Markets Co. 40.95 40.95 —
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Sector Index 70.96 70.58 0.38

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Belanov set to play for Italian club

MILAN, Italy, July 2. (Reuter): Dynamo Kiev's international striker, Igor Belanov today looked set to become the first Soviet footballer to play for an Italian club.

Atalanta club officials said they had taken over an option agreed between Second Division Genoa and the Soviet soccer federation earlier this year for Belanov's transfer to Italy next season.

"The two (Italian) clubs are perfectly in agreement," Atalanta general manager Franco Prevalti told reporters. "The player has already told Genoa he was willing to come to Italy and there shouldn't be any problems as far as we are concerned."

Details of the transfer were still being worked out today. It was not known how much the Soviet federation would ask in transfer fees or how much Belanov, unaccustomed to the huge wages enjoyed by top Western footballers, would earn at Atalanta.

Promotion

Belanov, a former European Player of the Year, is expected to play alongside newly-promoted Atalanta's two other foreign players, Sweden's Glenn Stromberg and Robert Przyt.

Genoa had taken an option on Belanov in the hope of winning promotion from the Second Division last season. But they failed to make the top flight.

Changes in Italian soccer rules mean there are places for 54 foreign players in the 18-club First Division next season.

Fervent negotiations between all clubs are currently taking place at a specially-organised centre near Milan equipped with dozens of computers and telex machines to help officials juggle with the host of names and reserves of cash available in putting together their new line-ups.

Juventus officials were reported today to be keen to recruit another Dynamo Kiev player, Alexander Zavarov, who played alongside Belanov in last year's European Championship finals in West Germany.

Isle of Man tournament cancelled

LONDON, July 2. (Reuter): An eight-team soccer tournament was cancelled yesterday after the English League, fearing outbreaks of crowd violence, refused to allow three of its clubs to compete.

League secretary Graham Kelly banned Blackburn and Cardiff after refusing Wolverhampton permission earlier this week. Dutch side AZ Alkmaar had also entered the Isle of Man event scheduled for the end of July.

"We are particularly concerned about crowd conduct and travelling fans," said Kelly. "We were worried that a new element has been introduced to the festival this year with the invitation to a Dutch team."

The management committee feels that at this particularly sensitive time for the Football League and its clubs regarding crowd control, it would not be the right decision to sanction the participation of the three English teams."

The English Football Association (FA) backed the League's action and the Isle of Man tourist board scrapped the event.

Karpov defeats Kasparov to close gap at top

BELFORT, France, July 2. (AP): Anatoly Karpov defeated world chess champion Garry Kasparov in the 14th round of the World Cup yesterday, when the titleholder resigned a hopeless position on his 38th move.

With only one round remaining, Karpov leads with 10.5 points out of 14, one point ahead of Karpov. Kasparov is assured a share of first place, and can only be beat if he loses his final match tomorrow and Karpov wins his against former champion Boris Spassky.

Karpov's victory broke a remarkable run of five consecutive wins from Kasparov and showed that he remains a dangerous threat to Kasparov's domination of international chess, experts said.

With Karpov playing white, the players followed a variation of the gneisenau defence which had occurred several times during their 1987 world title match in Seville, Spain.

Kasparov sacrificed a pawn to activate his pieces, but Karpov played a new move on his 17th and gradually built a grip on the position.

Kasparov became short of time remaining, Karpov extended his hand to signify resignation. As the players shook hands, the capacity crowd in the 400-seat theatre burst into loud applause.

"I stood better throughout the game," Karpov told reporters.

Asked about the two games he

lost to Kasparov in a tournament in Amsterdam in May, Karpov said, "I think this result was more important."

The bitter personal and professional feud between the two Soviets has stretched over a record-shattering series of matches totalling 129 games.

MCLAREN DUO RECORD BEST TIMES IN PRACTICE

Prost thwarts Senna's record bid

LE CASTELLET, France, July 2. (Reuter): Alain Prost ended his McLaren teammate Ayrton Senna's hopes of a record seventh consecutive pole position in today's final qualifying session for the French Grand Prix motor race.

In front of his delighted home fans, world championship leader Prost responded to an early fast lap by the Brazilian to regain the prime position midway through the session.

He did not relinquish it again and will start from the front of the race grid tomorrow after recording a best time of one minute 7.589 seconds. Senna clocked 1.807.

Greatest

The Brazilian's run of six straight pole positions was thus ended by his greatest rival in his bid for a first World Drivers' Championship. It was Prost's first pole since Monaco 1986 and the 17th of his career.

Senna is left with a share in the current record of six successive poles together with Britain's Stirling Moss (1959-60) and Austrian Niki Lauda (1974).

The two McLaren drivers, who have dominated the 1988 season to date, will share the front row ahead of the two



Prost speeds around the track for pole position.

Ferraris driven by Austrian Gerhard Berger and Italian Michele Alboreto.

The Benettons of Belgian Thierry Boutsen and Alessandro Nannini took fifth and sixth places on the grid ahead of world champion Nelson Piquet of Brazil and his Lotus teammate Satoru Nakajima of Japan, both of whom continued the team's much improved form on their return to Europe's high-speed circuit after the street races in North America.

Prost, who will seek to extend

his record number of Grand Prix wins to 32 in tomorrow's race, dominated the session in scorching heat at the Paul Ricard circuit.

He said: "I had no problems on my first set of tyres when I produced my best time but I was a little concerned because I had changed the chassis set-up slightly since the morning session. I pushed the car very hard and it worked very well."

Senna said he had no complaints about failing to set a record for consecutive pole posi-

tions.

"I couldn't go quicker on my second set of tyres and I think Alain did a really good job," he said. "It was his day. His lap, I stayed out towards the end to try and squeeze an extra fast lap from my second set, but the surface was definitely slower."

World champion Piquet was one of only three drivers who failed to improve their times from Friday's opening session. The others were Brazilian Mauricio Gugelmin in a March and Frenchman Rene Arnoux in

a Ligier.

The race organisers later announced that Piercarlo Ghinzani had been disqualified. They said the Zakspeed driver had failed to stop at a red light and answer a request to be weighed at the end of the session.

Argentine Oscar Larrauri in a Eurobrun will take Ghinzani's place in the race and start from the last position on the grid.

Prost and Senna each have won three of this year's Formula One races, but Prost leads the driver's standings because he also has three second place finishes, while Senna has finished second only once and twice has

not finished at all.

Dominant

The regularity of McLaren's victories has aroused controversy on the Grand Prix circuit, with the Paris-based sports newspaper L'Equipe editorialising today that the McLaren domination was bad for auto racing.

"Enough is enough. Part of the charm of sport is its glorious uncertainty," the newspaper said. "But are the McLarens going so fast that they are in the process of leaving death in their wake, killing Formula One?"

Grace hits three-run homer to take Cubs past tough Dodgers

NEW YORK, July 2. (AP): Mark Grace is already making the Chicago Cubs forget about

sent Atlanta to its sixth straight loss. Pascual Perez, 5-3, extended his scoreless-inning streak to 22 before Ken Oberkfell homered in the fourth.

Reds 5, Phillips 3

Nick Esasky hit a two-run homer and a two-run single last night as the Cubs routed Los Angeles 9-2 at Dodger stadium.

Since being promoted from the Minors, Grace is batting .307 with five homers and 25 RBI in 54 games as the Cubs' starting first baseman.

"It could have been a difficult situation coming up here, because I happened to replace a guy who gave the Cubs seven real good years in Leon Durham," Grace said. "The Cubs showed enough confidence in me to let me play every day, and so they traded Bull to Cincinnati. He's happy because he's from Cincinnati, and I'm happy to be able to play every day."

The Cubs won for the 11th

time in 15 games. The Dodgers,

who lead the National League West, again saw Fernando Valenzuela struggle.

Valenzuela, 5-6, failed to win

for the eighth time in his last 10 starts.

He has not struck out

more than four batters in any of

these outings.

Mets 3, Astros 2

Astro 6, Mets 5

Kevin Bass, who went 4-for-4

in the opener, singled home the

tie-breaking run in the 13th inning

of the game.

Royals 8, Red Sox 7

After blowing a 6-0 lead at home, the Royals won it on Kurt Stillwell's double in the sixth

inning. Dwight Evans was 4-for-5 with a double, triple, two singles and three RBI for the Red Sox, who had won five straight

games.

Orioles 7, Rangers 1

Visiting Baltimore won its fourth game in the last seven as Mike Boddicker pitched his third complete game this season and Fred Lynn homered.

Results

	American League	National League	
Seattle	11	Cleveland	3
Detroit	11	California	0
Toronto	7	Texas	7
Kansas City	6	Boston	4
Minnesota	5	Milwaukee	4
Chicago	2	New York	1
Oakland	2	Toronto	1
		National League	
Montreal	9	Atlanta	3
Chicago	9	Los Angeles	2
Houston	6	New York	5
Cincinnati	5	Philadelphia	3
Pittsburgh	5	San Francisco	2
San Diego	5	St. Louis	1
New York	5	Houston	2

Morocco still hopeful of staging World Cup

ZURICH, July 2. (Reuter): Although the United States is favourite to win the right to host the 1994 World Cup soccer finals, Morocco's bid is the one which should be successful on sporting grounds, the president of the Moroccan Soccer Federation said today.

The executive committee of the International Football Federation (FIFA) will decide here Monday whether the United States, Morocco or Brazil will stage the finals.

"We've heard talks of business, not of football," Driss

Bamous, president of the Moroccan Soccer Federation, said of the American bid after attending FIFA's 46th congress.

The New Zealanders and the San Diego defenders were still waiting yesterday for a decision from a New York court on whether San Diego can defend

the Cup in a catamaran.

Canadians reach final of Phillip Cup

HENLEY-ON-THAMES, England, July 2. (AP): The Canadian national coxed four advanced to the final of the Prince Phillip Cup at the Henley Royal rowing regatta today. But they don't believe it is helping their Olympic medal chances.

Under the colours of Vancouver Rowing Club they chanced their way to a 3-4 lengths victory on a windy River Thames against the English crew from Kingston Rowing Club.

The problem here is that we cannot race like we normally do because of rolling water from pleasure boats, Canadian national coach Boris Klavara said.

Hoped

"When we train in Vancouver it's like a mirror all the time. I am very disappointed. I had hoped the British national four would be here but they're not. If I had known we would not have come."

Klavara, whose crew is on course for an Olympic medal after posting the fastest semifinal in last year's World Championships in Copenhagen, said he hoped to offset the disappointment of weak opposition by increasing the work load in training.

Meantime Hamish McGlashan, who is only a reserve in the Australian Olympic squad, looks nearer to getting to Seoul after reaching the finals of the diamond sculls by beating England's Mike Harris.



Karpov (right) and Kasparov write down their moves.

led the soccer world appeared to have fallen behind in terms of how to play the game.

CUT off from European competition unless they transfer abroad, English players and coaches remain stranded on their soccer island as a wave of optimism about the game sweeps across the continent.

England midfielder Glenn Hoddle, who left Tottenham Hotspur and helped Monaco win the French League title, was quoted as saying that English soccer had learned nothing in 15 years.

"The truth is we are lacking technical ability and, until our outlook changes, that situation will remain," Hoddle, who will

be in next season's Champions Cup with Monaco, told the Sun newspaper of London.

Delegates from FIFA's 158 member associations rejected a proposal that advertising be allowed on players' and referees' shirts.

The US Navy has also unintentionally annoyed the New Zealanders with underwater sonar buoys that are used to track subs.

The yacht's 21-foot keel has been acting as an antenna, picking up the buoys electronic signals through the hull.

"The electronics boys were wondering what was up when they started hearing these noises," said Bruce Farr, the designer of the boat. "You hear these things going 'beep, beep.' Sometimes you can hear them on deck."

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FIFA's 46th congress.

The bi-annual world ranking list released by the World Chess Federation yesterday puts Kasparov in first place, well ahead of

Karpov, who is second. Short is ranked third, with Beliavsky fourth, Speelman fifth and Timman in sixth position.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Mitoto triumphs

SANDOWN, England, July 2. (AP): Mitoto got up from last to first in the finishing straight to win the £12,000 (\$230,000) Eclipse Stakes for the second consecutive year today. The 6-4 favourite, which upset Reference Point in last year's race, held off a strong challenge by 3-1 shot Shady Heights by a neck with the French-trained second favourite, Triptych, a further three lengths away third.

Mike Tyson

MEXICO CITY, July 2. (Reuter): Mike Tyson was named World Boxing Council (WBC) Boxer of the Month for June after successfully defending his heavyweight title against fellow American Michael Spinks in Atlantic City on Monday.

Irish striker

LONDON, July 2. (Reuter): David Kelly, Walsall's in-demand Irish international striker, is to have talks with West German club Bayern Munich. Liverpool, Tottenham and West Ham are among the leading English sides interested in signing Kelly but the marksman has not ruled out a move abroad if he decides to leave the Second Division club now that his contract has expired.

Peter Wurtz

BARCELONA, Spain, July 2. (Reuter): Rapid Vienna striker Peter Wurtz flew to Spain yesterday to sign for UEFA Cup finalists Espanol, a spokesman for the Barcelona club said.

World Cup

WASHINGTON, July 2. (AP): President Ronald Reagan taped a brief televised pitch yesterday as part of the campaign to secure the 1994 World Cup soccer finals for the United States.

Seoul Games

SEOUL, South Korea, July 2. (AP): More than a hundred South Korean lawmakers, saying Olympic participation would help reunification efforts, introduced a resolution today urging North Korea to take part in this year's Games.

Soccer friendlies

BARCELONA, Spain, July 2. (UPI): First Division soccer club Espanol, which made it to the UEFA Cup final last season, will play two French teams in pre-season friendlies, club officials said.

Swimming event

MADRID, July 2. (UPI): Spanish swimming federation officials named three women who are to compete in the synchronized swimming event at the Summer Olympics in Seoul. They are Eva Lopez, Nuria Ayala and Marta Amores. Lopez and Ayala will team up for the doubles and all three will compete in singles events.

Austrian Open

KITZBUEHEL, Austria, July 2. (UPI): Frenchman Henri Leconte will be the top seed at the Austrian Open 'Head Cup' tennis tournament set for July 30 through Aug. 7. He is scheduled to meet Sweden's Kent Carlsson in the final.

RESULTS OF SHERATON BRIDGE CLUB MARATHON

RESULTS of Sheraton Bridge Club marathon game held on Friday, 1. Simon & Chaudhury
2. Dr. Reddy & Zanazari
3. Salman Ali Nasser & Carsten

W. Indies go 222 ahead of England in 3rd Test

MANCHESTER, England, July 2. (Reuter): West Indies' middle order batting, anchored by Roger Harper's best score in Test cricket of 61 not out, built a commanding lead of 222 over England at rain-hit Old Trafford today.

All-rounder Harper, wicket-keeper Jeff Dujon (67) and fast bowler Malcolm Marshall, with an unbeaten 37, extended West Indies' overnight score of 342 for five to 357 for six on the third day of the third Test.

England, having been routed for 135 in their first innings, took only the wicket of Dujon on a day when heavy rain reduced the playing time by nearly three hours.

Halted

There were lengthy stoppages in each of the three sessions and play was finally halted for the day by a downpour at the start of what would have been the extra hour that is allowed after 60 minutes or more are lost.

West Indies, 1-0 up in the five-match series after winning the second Test by 134 runs, further underlined the depth and quality of their batting on a slow pitch on which the ball continued to turn.

WEST GERMAN TEENAGER STAYS ON GRAND SLAM COURSE

Graf ends Navratilova's Wimbledon reign

LONDON, July 2. (Reuter): Steffi Graf's bludgeoning groundstrokes ended Martina Navratilova's six-year reign as Wimbledon women's champion today, the top-seeded West German taking 12 of the last 13 games to win the final 5-7, 6-1.

Navratilova, 31, seeded second, had not lost a singles here since being beaten by Hana Mandlikova in the 1981 semifinals and victory over Graf would have taken her winning sequence to 48 matches, two short of the record. It would also have given her an unprecedented ninth Wimbledon singles title.

Younger

At it was, though, the 19-year-old West German, Wimbledon's youngest women's champion since American Maureen Connolly won the title at 17 in 1952, really made the generation gap tell, taking hold of the match with a run of nine games from 2-0 down the second set to 3-0 up in the decider.

Graf, beaten in straight sets by Navratilova in last year's final, produced groundstrokes of such ruthless precision that as the match wore on, the champion was quite unable to maintain her familiar powerbase at the front of the court.

With increasing regularity when she charged to the net, Navratilova found she was still not in position by the time the ball flashed past her.

She also found that the Graf backhand, so vulnerable against her sliced left-hander's serve a year ago, was no longer a recur-

ring weakness — in fact there were no obvious flaws for her to exploit.

Graf has now won 21 successive Grand Slam singles matches since losing to Navratilova in the 1987 US Open final, a run that has encompassed the Australian, French and now the Wimbledon titles. If she can add the US in September she will join Connolly (1953) and Australia's Margaret Court (1970) as the only women to achieve the Grand Slam.

At least Navratilova started as she would have wished, taking control of the opening game with two backhand volleys as she held serve to 15-40 on Navratilova's serve.

A crosscourt forehand volley on her first break point returned the service break and she served out for 2-2 as Navratilova began to experience difficulties controlling the ball in the blustery wind.

Seized
The American dropped serve again in the fifth game when Graf produced three stunning backhand winners of which the champion herself would have been proud.

The West German then held for 4-2 and broke the champion for the third successive time in the set with three superb passing shots, Navratilova wilting under her opponent's wicked forehand-backhand-forehand combination.

In the next game, three service winners and an ace wrapped up the set 6-2 and levelled the match.

Now it was Graf's turn to rediscover her best form. In the third game a nicely-timed backhand return of serve opened up the court for the latest in a long series of forehand winners which took her to 15-40 on Navratilova's serve.

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Shoers
Showers, the bain of the last tournament, speckled the court and play was held up.

The rain let up after 44 minutes but Graf did not.

She returned to court and seized her second set, holding serve with aces and then breaking Graf to 30 after the West German served the first double fault of the match.

The champion reached 40-0, was beaten by the latest in a long series of winning forehands and served two successive double faults as the score went to deuce.

A forehand return took Graf to her first match point and that was all she needed.

A sliced backhand crosscourt return clipped the net and landed at the feet of Navratilova, who had won all eight previous Wimbledon final appearances.

At the end, the West German teenager hurled her racket into the crowd, while her father Peter Graf hugged Czechoslovak coach Pavel Slozil and the tears flowed down Navratilova's cheeks.

"I've never been as excited about winning a match, not even when I won for the first time in Paris," said Graf, who took her second French Open crown on clay four weeks ago when she steamrollered Natalia Zvereva of the Soviet Union 6-0, 6-0 for the loss of just 12 points.

Among those who acclaimed Graf's first Wimbledon victory from the front row of the royal box was 91-year-old Briton Kitty Godfree, who was responsible for Wills Moody's sole Wimbledon defeat in 1926.

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Graf holds up her trophy. (Reuter wirephoto)

Becker to meet Edberg in final



Becker reacts to a shot. (Reuter wirephoto)

three US Opens, Lendl may now and fear that at 28, his lack of volleying prowess means he is destined never to win the one title he covets above all others. Should his fears prove justified, he will join Ken Rosewall as one of Wimbledon's most gallant failures.

If Becker felt any nervous reaction after squandering the chance of a straight-sets victory last night when he fluffed a simple forehand volley on his first

match point, he hid it well and surrendered just four points in his five service games in what was to prove the last set.

Lendl, beaten by Cash in the semifinals of the Australian Open last January and by Sweden's Jonas Svensson in the quarterfinals of the French Open last month, fully deserved the ovation granted both players at the finish.

Today's three sessions, interrupted twice by afternoon

showers, lasted just 60 minutes but provided a feast of talking points every time the Czechoslovak came up to serve.

He was taken to 19 deuces in his five service games, nine of them coming in the sixth game when he finally held serve to level at 3-3 despite seven truly woeful volleying errors had given Becker four break points.

It was a similar story when Lendl served again at 3-4. His 10th double fault of the match took the game back to deuce for the fourth time before he again levelled to the roars of the centre court crowd which, for the moment, had forgotten the women's final between Martina Navratilova and Steffi Graf to come.

But in the 10th game, Lendl's resistance finally crumbled after Becker saw five more match points come and go.

Attacking
Fittingly, tomorrow's final will bring together the two outstanding grasscourt talents of the younger generation and promises to be an explosive affair dominated by power.

Becker leads their 13-match series 9-4 and won their only previous meeting on grass three weeks ago when he defeated Edberg 6-3, 6-3 in the final at Queen's Club, but it would be no surprise if their latest encounter goes the full distance.

Edberg won the last two Australian Open titles played on grass at Kooyong, Melbourne, before the championships moved across the city to Flinders Park this year and he is probably the most graceful attacking player since John Newcombe.

Kookaburra wins 12-metre world championship

LULEA, Sweden, July 2. (Reuter): Australia's Kookaburra III, with Peter Gilmore at the helm, won the World 12-metre yachting Championship today with two faultless tactical wins over Japan's Bengal III.

Gilmour, tactician in Australia's unsuccessful Cup campaign last year, proved master of the light four-to-six knot winds off this northern Swedish port and led from start of finish in both races.

In the first heat of the best-of-three final, Gilmore had a better start than Bengal helmsman Skip Lissiman and held off a strong gymball challenge on the second leg when Bengal came within just 37 seconds of Kookaburra.

The 27-year-old Gilmore pulled away and extended his lead in the last two legs, crossing the line one minute 56 seconds ahead of Bengal.

Lissiman made another serious challenge for the lead against Kookaburra in the first stages of the second heat after both yachts got off to equal starts.

Bengal rounded the first mark



Holmes: 2nd century

Smith: hammered 94

Heavy rain halts Kent's six-match winning run

LONDON, July 2. (Reuter): Kent kept their lead in the English county cricket championship but bad weather conspired to end their winning six-match streak as their match against Essex fizzled out in a draw yesterday.

Heavy rain ruled out play at Canterbury until the afternoon and prevented any chance of a result as Kent resumed their first innings at 221 for nine.

Declared
The leaders added 10 more runs before the final wicket fell, Geoff Miller finishing with four for 95. Essex, batting again with a lead of 64, declared their second innings at 82 for one. Geoff Holmes struck his second century of the match and saved Glamorgan from defeat against Somerset at Taunton.

Glamorgan, resuming their second innings at 36 for three, were effectively 84 for five after Matthew Maynard retired hurt and Hugh Morris was dismissed.

Gehan Mendis helped Lancashire to victory over Warwickshire, scoring nine fours in an unbeaten 56 which propelled his side to a six-wicket win with nearly 30 overs to spare.

Mabuhay capture crown

THE Mabuhay Restaurant put in a superb performance to thrash the Oriental Trading-Diplomats 3-1 and clinch the women's bowling team title in the final game of the Palawan Pilipino '88 at Club 300 over the weekend.

The first game was won by Mabuhay 87-745 while the second was taken by Oriental 789-734 and the last again by Mabuhay.

Eva Sahay of Mabuhay, was the responsible for her team's victory although the other players also put in outstanding performances. Sabay scored 197, 194 and 190 in her three games. She also took away all the honours with a High Game of 581 and a High Average of 193.7.

Sabay was well supported by Cora Paras who scored 489, Jo Reyes 451, Bojo Hamdan 297, Marilyne Tercua 207, Cecil Contreras 183 and Malou Tadena 166. The other members of the team are Grace Pagdanan and Charly Nepomuceno.

Ended

Oriental finished the event as 1st runner-up. Al Ghaniat Freight were in the 2nd runner-up slot and Crown Trading ended the tourney as 3rd runner-up.

In the men's division, Kabayan Restaurant beat Kuwait, Regency Palace 3-1 while Kuwait Airways thrashed Kay & Associates 4-0.

In the other matches Mobil Oil defeated Al Nakess 3-1, Al Ghaniat Freight overcame Public Ports Authority (Shuaiba) 3-1, Oriental beat Atlas Int'l Corporation 3-1 and Hatid Ligaya were awarded a walkover.

Fauzi and Atta finish in top spot

NAFEZ FAUZI and Kamal Atta finished on top in the third elimination round of the Philippine Bowlers Association (PBAA) men's doubles tournament at the Holiday Inn Hotel on Friday.

Fauzi scored a three-game 525 while Atta posted 517 which gave them a combined total of 1,042. They were followed by Mohammed Seraj (493) and Nashat Mohammed (532) with total of 1,025. Mansour and Fahed were 1,030 with 460 and 562 respectively for a total of 1,022.

Meanwhile, Naifa Abbas and Fatima took the top slot in the women's doubles with a score of 887. They were followed by Arc Ruiz and Lilia Ganancian of Bay Militante and Vangie Simoy third.

Semifinals
The following will play in the men's doubles semifinals on Friday:

1. Far Tongon & Carl Baguio, Philippines; 2. Nafiz Abu & Saleh Karim, Kuwait; 3. Nafez Fauzi & Kamal Atta, Palestine; 4. Tino Ocampo & Arnel Nanta, Philippines; 5. Nashat Mohammed & Mohammed Serni, Palestine; 6. Bob Peek & Arthur Reyes, USA & Philippines; 7. Fahed & Mansour, Palestine; 8. Julie Teves & Baby Javier, Philippines; 9. Mohamed El Amin & Fadel El Amin, Kuwait; 10. Jimbo Tan & Eddie Nepomuceno, Philippines; 11. Jimbo Tan & Break & Mohammed Jaber, Kuwait; 12. Salam Daif & A. Al Houli, Kuwait.

The following will play in the women's doubles semifinals on Friday:

1. Malou Tadene & B. Giusanoy, Philippines; 2. Nafiz Abu & Saleh Karim, Kuwait; 3. Eva Sahay & Marilyne Tercua, Philippines; 4. Arc Ruiz & Lilia Ganancian, Philippines; 5. Gina Nepomuceno & Baby Militante, Philippines.

The tournament is being sponsored by Yacht Tourism Travel & Cargo and organised by PBAA.

Rivero scores Monte Carlo Open victory

MONTE CARLO, Monaco July 2. (AP): Jose Rivero of Spain fired a 4-under-par 65 today to finish 15-under-par at 261 and capture the \$374,000 Mosai Carlo Open golf tournament.

Rivero's two-shot victory over the 5,667-metre Monte Carlo course was worth \$39,500.